

Coromandel Town **Chronicle**

www.coromandeltownchronicle.co.nz • The community magazine for Coromandel Town and surrounds since 1996

Big celebration for Coromandel Fire Brigade



125 years of Coromandel Fire Brigade

50-year Double Gold Star ** John Walker

25-year Gold Star * Greg Christensen

25-year Gold Star * Kelvin Wirihana-Tawake

Car Club in Whitianga PG 20



Growing seeds in Colville PG 23



Setting traps PG 26



Haere mai. Welcome to the Coromandel Town Chronicle

Cover pictures: Left – CFO John Walker presenting SFF Greg Christensen and SFF Kelvin Wirihana-Tawake with their 25-year Gold Stars.

Right – CFO John Walker receiving a commemorative plaque from Kerry Gregory, National Commander of Fire and Emergency NZ. Picture courtesy of Scott Simpson MP.

The Coromandel Town Chronicle is published by Jude Publishing Ltd.

It is delivered free to the Coromandel area.

Jude Publishing Ltd, PO Box 148, Coromandel 3543
www.coromandeltownchronicle.co.nz

For advertising please email Debbie on corochronicle@gmail.com or phone 021 235 6648
If you have any news stories that you'd like included please email corochronicle@gmail.com.

If you are not sure how to put an article together for publication then find tips and advice on the website: www.coromandeltownchronicle.co.nz/html/guidelines.html

The Coromandel Town Chronicle is open for everyone to contribute, however the editor reserves the right to select the articles and letters that are published and edit them for clarity and space.

The Coromandel Town Chronicle is printed with vegetable oil based inks by Print House Ltd, Hamilton. An accredited FSC and PEFC printer.

Deadline for the next issue is 4pm Monday 16 August.

Send your articles and advertising to corochronicle@gmail.com

Live out of town and would like to receive a printed copy?

Annual subscription costs \$57 (incl. GST) NZ postage only.

See contact details above, or download a PDF copy from www.coromandeltownchronicle.co.nz

Disclaimer: The publisher and its editors of the Coromandel Town Chronicle shall not be responsible in any way for opinions expressed in letters and articles contained in the Coromandel Town Chronicle or for loss or damage suffered by anyone in reliance upon the information contained therein. Further, no endorsement of any product or service featured or advertised in the Coromandel Town Chronicle should be implied or assumed.

ISSN 1178-721X (Print)
ISSN 1179-4895 (Online)

Emergency

Call 111. AED's in Coromandel Town: Fire Station, Ambulance Station, Four Square, Coro Family Health, Bowling Club/RSA, Te Korowai and Phoenix House. Although AED's are important, St John say performing continuous chest compressions/calling 111 takes priority.

Editor's comment

It is great to put photos of the fire brigade on the cover this issue. What a fantastic job our fire fighters do. We are lucky to have such committed people in our community. Congratulations to John Walker for his 50 years' service and Greg Christensen and SFF Kelvin Wirihana-Tawake for 25 years' service.

Greyscale advertising prices will increase slightly from the October issue to help support the printing in full colour every issue. If you have been thinking of switching to a colour advert (there is no increase to the cost of colour ads), then this is a good time to do it. Check www.coromandeltownchronicle.co.nz/html/ads.html for rates. Email me on corochronicle@gmail.com to get your artwork changed.

Debbie

Letters and opinion

Toxin concerns

We sent this message to the Waikato District Health Board:

We're writing to ask you to reconsider your intention of dropping 1080 over the upper Coromandel Peninsula this winter. The toxin will inevitably contaminate water supplies for animals and humans and adversely impact health, lives and livelihoods. We believe it is unethical to rain down poison onto land where people are living who are powerless to stop it and who do not want it. Poison cannot be the solution. Our planet is overloaded with poisons from countless sources and the toxic load on life is taking its toll.

We hope you will truly listen to the concerns of those who oppose aerial poison drops and change your policy.

Joanna and Ro Piekarski, Great Barrier Island

Three weeks later I received this response:

Thank you for your email. Your concerns will be considered when we review the application for the operation.

Kind regards,
Health Protection Team

The Chopper Chat

The Rescue Helicopter ran 15 rescue missions to the Coromandel Peninsula during June, of which seven were to our area. One of these was to the rugby grounds to pick up an injured player who was flown to Waikato Hospital.

Stephan Bosman from Whitianga was the driving force of the petition for the return of the Rescue Chopper to Whitianga that was presented to Parliament recently. Please read his article opposite. This will give an idea of the political bureaucracy we are having to contend with. Have a safe month.

Regards,
Nigel Strongman, Trustee CRHT

Wonderful eateries

On behalf of all Coromandelites, we would like to thank Manuel, Si, Malcolm and Mary of Coro Mussel Kitchen; Sally and team from Weta; and Sam and Emma from Solo – for providing us with excellent new venues.

Manual, we love your pizza and pasta; Sally, your eggs benedict; and Sam your authentic Turkish cuisine and coffee. May you all survive the winter months, with local support and look forward to the usual invasion of day trippers to Coro in spring and summer!

Best wishes,
Richard, Henry and Uli,



Email letters and opinion pieces to the Coromandel Town Chronicle corochronicle@gmail.com. Contributions should be kept short, and should not exceed 350 words. The editor reserves the right to reject letters or edit them for clarity and space.

SCOTT REVELL
BUILDING CONTRACTOR

- New Homes
- Renovations
- Additions \ Repairs
- Bathrooms
- Decks \ Fences \ Landscaping

Prompt Professional Service
srevell2010@hotmail.co.nz
027 861 6592
COROMANDEL

Llandem Consulting Engineers

Derek Stewart
CP Eng MIPENZ

- Structural
- Civil
- Geotechnical

llandemengineering@gmail.com
(07) 866 6704
027 442 4234

Coromandel Rescue Trust

The Health Select Committee of Parliament responded late last month to the petition (signed by more than 46,000 people) for a rescue helicopter to be based on the Coromandel over the busy holiday periods. The committee took into account written and verbal submissions from both the National Ambulance Sector Office (NASO) and Whitianga residents Stephan Bosman (the “petitioner”), Walter Russell and Kevin Pringle.

The Select Committee’s response to the petition is promising. They recognised “...the complexity of delivering road and air ambulance services in regions like the Coromandel.”

However, the committee members acknowledged that the needs of the Coromandel have to be considered within “a wider context”, including “...an integrated system of road and air ambulance services which ensures the delivery of timely and clinically appropriate emergency care” and “...a wider regional network of air ambulance services which ensures timely responses and equitable access across the wider populations it serves.”

The committee encouraged “...NASO to facilitate discussions between the Coromandel Rescue Helicopter Trust, St John, Northern Rescue Helicopter [Limited] and the [Waikato] District Health Board on the best integration of road and air ambulance services on the Coromandel, with a view to developing a shared understanding of utilisation rates at peak holiday periods and at what point St John would consider increasing resources for road ambulance services in particular areas at particular times of the year.”

Discussions between Northern Rescue Helicopter Limited (NRHL) and us have been ongoing for some time. In January, NRHL based a helicopter in Whitianga on a trial basis. Unbeknown to many, the helicopter was crewed by staff sacrificing some of their annual leave.

The outcome of the trial was that NRHL is in clear need of a third rescue

helicopter (in addition to the two they are obliged to base at Ardmore Airport south of Auckland) over the busy holiday periods. The demand for their services continues to grow. They deem Whitianga the most appropriate location for such a third helicopter. However, they cannot rely on their staff to continue to sacrifice their holidays to crew a third helicopter.

As a result, the primary request Stephan Bosman, Walter Russell and Kevin Pringle made in their verbal submission to the Health Select Committee was for NASO to make additional funding available to NRHL to employ what is called “surge capacity staff”. NRHL is of the view that the equivalent of two to four extra crew members will be sufficient.

That brings us to the future. The Health Select Committee has now opened the door for us to directly engage with all stakeholders about improved emergency care on the Coromandel. We are about to start the process to get everyone to meet together. One of the topics on the agenda will be additional funding to NRHL.

While that process is ongoing, we will continue to work with NRHL and the Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust (a 50 percent shareholder in NRHL), with whom we have always enjoyed a close friendship, to see what is required for NRHL to, in any event, go ahead and employ additional helicopter crew without a funding commitment from NASO. That may well involve an ongoing financial commitment from the Coromandel.

We will keep you updated with regard to our negotiations. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you for all of your support to date and we would like to ask you to remain generous.

Coromandel Rescue Trust (CRHT) trustees: Merv George (Chair – Whitianga), Walter Russell (Founding Chair - Whitianga), John Stephenson (Whitianga), Jennie Turner (Tairua), Doug Walters (Whangamata), Andrea McCartney (Thames), Nigel Strongman (Coromandel Town)

Memoir Writing Workshop

By Lora Mountjoy

Writing Our Own Stories

“An inspirational and uplifting weekend”. This was one of the many positive comments made by participants in the Memoir Writing Workshop held in Coromandel Town on 2-4 July.

The course was led by Dr Deborah Shephard, an experienced memoir tutor, writing mentor and biographer, and supported by Thames-Coromandel Creative Communities scheme. Deborah says her teaching is “for those who have never written and for those who enjoy writing in other genres but haven’t yet tried memoir.”

Participants included novice writers, those with more experience and several with journalism training. With Deborah’s skilled tutoring and the safe space she created, even the most nervous person felt able to put words on paper and to share with the group.

The first task Deborah gave us was to write “I was born...” and continue from there. She encouraged us to write quickly without checking or editing, and when the timer went after five minutes we were given another minute to read through and edit our work. We then shared our stories. This process was repeated throughout the weekend and as well as our own writing we gained a lot from hearing each other’s stories.

In between writing we read and considered many examples of life-stories from our handouts, listened to Deborah sharing her expertise and were guided to consider a range of ways to approach the task of life, or memoir, writing.

Deborah’s presentation was gentle but firm, and her experience showed in the way she managed time and held the group, providing safety for us to share sometimes very personal material. She encouraged people to form a group to continue working on their stories.

There is a possibility that this will lead some to publish, but even if the stories once written are shared only with family, the experience will have proved extremely worthwhile. For those who wish to know more about writing life-stories, there is a lot of useful information on the website: www.deborahshephardbooks.com.

We are very grateful to funding from Creative Communities NZ, which enabled this course to be offered at an affordable rate.



The perfect finish to your home or bach – beautiful wooden joinery

CEDAR • MACROCARPA • RECYCLED NZ NATIVES



RUAMAHUNGA BAY JOINERY

email info@woodenjoinery.co.nz

www.woodenjoinery.co.nz 027 254 4423

Our Shed

By Jo Sanderson, Co Ordinator

Our Shed, formerly known as the Coromandel Age Friendly group, had Jill Edmonds from Dementia Waikato come to speak at the beginning of July. We had a great turnout of people who really enjoyed the information Jill shared with us.

We have also had our second Qi Gong workshop with some new faces, which was great to see. After the success of these workshops we have decided to hold them every six weeks, so the following dates have been set aside for this year: **19 September, 31 October, 12 December.**

When: 10.30am – 2.30pm. Where: The Club (Bowling Club, Woollams Ave). Bring your own lunch. Tea, coffee, and biscuits provided. Each workshop is \$20.

For more information – follow our Facebook page www.facebook.com/OurshedCoromandel.

Please get in touch with Jo via email or phone if you wish to attend. Email ourshedcoromandel@gmail.com or Ph 022 050 3005. Numbers are limited to 20 enrolment. Name and payment secures your place.

Our next guest speaker is Karena Birt who is the Community Care Coordinator for the Waikato DHB on the latest bowel screening programme. Karena will talk to us about the new free initiative for bowel screening, who is eligible and how you can participate.

Please join us on **Monday 2 August** 1.00pm at the Club on Woollams Ave.

We are still in the planning stage of organising a Men's Shed and other groups that can be held regularly so we can offer a wide range of activities for you all to get involved with if you want.

Watch this space.

We have regular emails going out with information and happenings around the town.

I trust you are staying warm and dry and just remember – the evenings are starting to draw out a bit and summer is on its way!

If you would like to be added to our email database – please email Jo at ourshedcoromandel@gmail.com

Library News

By Robynne Jones, Librarian

Now that we have the new system in place, I thought that I would go over some of the more frequently asked questions each month. One of these is – How do I renew a book? There are several options.

The easiest way is to bring it into the library and ask at the desk. You may have the book with you or not; it doesn't matter.

You can also send us a text or give us a call on 021 116 9654. You can also email us at corocommunitylibrary@gmail.com. If you do text or email us, it is helpful if you leave us your name or library card number, and the name of the book you would like to renew.

Another option is to renew your books online by logging into your library account at: www.tcdc.govt.nz/Our-Services/Library/.

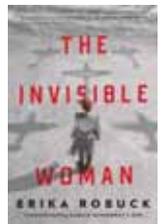
Click the "log in" button found at the top right corner of the screen and enter your library card number and password. Once you're logged in, click on "My Account" and then choose the "Checkouts" tab. Tick the items you'd like to renew, then click the "renew" button.

Be aware, you may not be able to renew some items online; they may have been requested by another patron, reached their maximum renewal limit, or we may just need to confirm with you that you're willing to renew an item that costs to borrow (e.g. books borrowed from other libraries).

New books that may interest you this month:

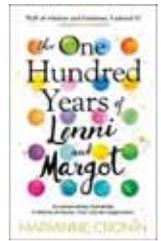
The Invisible Woman – Erika Robuck

Based on a true story of an American woman who defied the odds to become the most dangerous Allied spy in France during World War II. Virginia Hall was not like the other young society women back home. She traded a safe life for adventure in Europe, and when her second home is thrust into the dark days of war, she leaps in headfirst. She is recruited as an Allied spy and subverting the Nazis becomes her calling. However, even the most cunning agent can be bested, and in wartime trusting the wrong person can prove fatal.



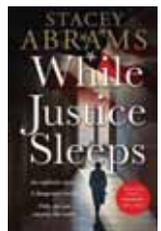
The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot – Marianne Cronin

Life is short and no one knows that better than Lenni. On the terminal ward the nurses are offering their condolences already, but Lenni still has plenty of living to do. She's got far too many questions she needs answers for, and stories yet to uncover. With the unexpected arrival of 83-year-old Margot, a new friendship begins. Lenni's life begins to expand in ways she'd never imagined. The story of Lenni and Margot is fiercely alive and disarmingly funny.



While Justice Sleeps – Stacey Abrams

This is a debut thriller from Georgia democrat Stacey Abrams.



While Justice Sleeps begins when a legendary Washington judge, Justice Wynn, falls into a coma and puts his law clerk, Avery, in control. Avery's world is turned upside down because Justice Wynn had a secret. One that nobody wants to come out. As Wynn lies in hospital, Avery begins to unravel a sequence of clues, and realizes the puzzle will lead her directly into danger.

Stacey Abrams is the two-time New York Times bestselling author of *Our Time is Now* and *Lead from the Outside*.

The AGM for the Library will be held on **Wednesday 18 August**, at 2.00pm in the Council Chambers.



CAPE CIVIL
EARTHWORKS & CONSTRUCTION

Contact 027 250 5076 or 027 365 8520
capecivilcoromandel@gmail.com

- Metal Deliveries • Truck & Digger Hire • Driveways & Roothing
- Retaining/Gabion Walls • Subdivisions • Civil Works



g.a.s.
gasoline alley services

Proprietor: Darius Visser

Coromandel Garage Ltd

What we offer:

- Service and repairs on all makes and models
- WOF's
- Motorcycle WOF's
- Pensioner WOF's \$50
- Call out's & tow in's
- LPG bottle swap & filling
- Car & trailer hire
- All tyres
- Fuel

226 Wharf Rd, Coromandel. 07 866 8736



BP Fuel Card accepted here



Now accepting AA Smart Fuel Card

Matariki Market

By Bine, Nalan & Benni

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who helped make the Matariki Seasonal Market such a wonderful event.

A beautiful family of happy volunteers materialised and everything just flowed! Setting up, putting up lights, helping out new stall holders, and getting the bowls and cutlery recycling station running.

There was a great response to the recycle and compost station, and so many brought their own reusable cups. Bravo!

Thank you to the Bizarre and CILT for the loan of bowls and cutlery, to Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town for the use of their glass jars snuggled in a band of felt – perfect for soup and hot drinks, and as ever to Hike & Bike for their ongoing support.

The Children’s Corner was magical with homemade lanterns and star collages, and the musicians were so unbelievably good. Fantastic!

The atmosphere was beautiful the whole day through, with the market ending with sparkling lights, music, laughter and dancing.

Next Seasonal Growers & Artisans Market: Spring Market – Labour Weekend **Saturday 23 October** 8am-2pm.



Coromandel Lions Club

By Kerry Whittle

This month we welcome Lewis Rose as a new Lion, sponsored by Lyn Rose. Kia ora Lewis.

At our monthly meeting Lynda Halverson from the Drury Lions Club officiated over the changing of our officers for the coming year. Our new officers and their roles are: President – Mary Farmer, Secretary and Lion Tamer – Jean Smith, Project Manager – Rick Ward, Treasurer – Joan Knudsen, Firewood orders and Tail Twister – Sue Hughes.

Thank you to each of our new officers for taking up these roles and continuing to lead our work in the community. Please note our updated contacts list.

Many of the Lions came together at the Top Pub to celebrate Rick Ward’s 80th birthday. Rick has been a Lion for about 13 years and we have relied on him as our Project Manager for most of that time. Rick has contributed countless hours ensuring our fundraising activities run smoothly, and through his hard work and dedication Coromandel Lions are able to support numerous requests for financial contribution in the community. If you see Rick around, give him a belated birthday greeting or



Jean and Lyn dish up with the dinner at the meeting



New President Mary Farmer and daughter Sarah with the Lion rock

acknowledgement for the tremendous effort given for our community. Many happy returns with our gratitude, Rick.

Firewood deliveries have all but finished, as we’ve sold all of our wood. Every load purchased helps us to provide opportunities to groups in the community. Remember to get your orders in early for next year as we are still receiving numerous enquiries for dry firewood and we’re sorry to disappoint, having sold out!

The Lions are pleased to support Coromandel Area School students competing in sports events in Dunedin. We are also preparing to install a new seat at the bike park.

Updated contacts for Coromandel Lions Club: Mary Farmer (President) (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 0446, Rick Ward (Project Manager) - (07) 866 8271 or 027 352 8664, Jean Smith (Secretary) - (07) 866 6670 or 021 208 7576, Sue Hughes (Firewood orders) 07 211 9774 or 021 142 1124

Fullers 360

EXPERIENCES & CRUISES

Coromandel Peninsula



APPROX
2HRS

FERRY TIMETABLE

Valid until 17 Oct 2021

TRAVEL INFORMATION

- If friends or whanau are collecting you, we recommend that they pick you up directly at Hannaford's Wharf as capacity is limited on the shuttle bus into Coromandel Town. The shuttle bus meets the ferry and will transfer you to and from Coromandel Town (Samuel James Reserve carpark) and Hannaford's Wharf. There is no additional fare for this service.
- Advance bookings are advisable for all Fullers360 tours and bookable ferry services. We recommend arriving 30mins prior to departure to check in.
- All departures and timetables are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or operational requirements. Prices in this timetable are correct at time of printing and inclusive of GST, and may change without notice. All travel on Fullers360 services and tours is subject to our full terms and conditions of travel, available at fullers.co.nz

DEPART AUCKLAND: Auckland Ferry Terminal, 99 Quay Street

2021	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
19 Apr - 25 Apr	-	-	-	-	6:40pm	8:45am	8:45am
26 Apr - 2 May	8:45am	-	-	-	6:40pm	8:45am	8:45am
3 May - 6 June	-	-	-	-	-	8:45am	8:45am
7 June - 13 June	8:45am	-	-	-	-	8:45am	8:45am
14 June - 17 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	8:45am	8:45am

DEPART COROMANDEL: Hannaford's Wharf

2021	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
19 Apr - 25 Apr	-	-	-	-	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
26 Apr - 2 May	4.30pm	-	-	-	8.45pm	4.30pm	4.30pm
3 May - 6 June	-	-	-	-	-	4.30pm	4.30pm
7 June - 13 June	4.30pm	-	-	-	-	4.30pm	4.30pm
14 June - 17 Oct	-	-	-	-	-	4.30pm	4.30pm

* Additional sailing applies to the following public holidays only: ANZAC Day and Queens Birthday.



Buy tickets online at

Fullers.co.nz

AUCKLAND TO COROMANDEL

2020	ADULT	CHILD*	FAMILY**
ONE WAY	\$67.00	\$42.00	\$191.00
RETURN	\$103.00	\$65.00	\$292.00

* Child: 5-15yrs inclusive

** Family: 2x Adults & 2x Children



keep up to date with

myferry

Available for iOS & Android



CILT – Coromandel Independent Living Trust

Kia ora koutou whanau!

We are gradually coming out of the depths of winter, so we hope you are all keeping warm and dry. If you do need some extra warmth, remember the Bizarre has a range of warm blankets and clothes at accessible prices. While you are there you can say hello to the new members of the team: Debbie Meadows has come on board as a shop assistant, Lou Poultney is joining the team as a volunteer, and we welcome Glenda to the role of coordinator. Glenda has been the shop assistant over the past year so with this experience it is great that she can step up into the role of coordinator.

We wish to say farewell and thank you to Darren Risby (Ris) who is stepping down from his coordinator role. Thank you Ris for looking after the shop over this past year and keeping it running smoothly.

Speaking of new staff we also have a new Kiwi Can Leader – welcome Rose Dudson to the team! Kiwi Can is an energetic and fun life skills and values programme that we have been running in schools around the peninsula for over 15 years. It's great to get some new energy in the team to keep the course moving with fresh enthusiasm.

Artists In The Making

We welcome Janie Abercrombie to the role of coordinator of Artists in the Making. Artists in the Making is a day programme for people with barriers to participation, with a focus on creativity and using art as a means for meaningful social interaction, confidence building and self-expression. The course has been running in Whitianga since 2001 and has been a much valued experience for the many participants who have been involved over these past 20 years.

Incredible Years Parent Programme

We are running another one of our popular Incredible Years Parent Programmes in Whitianga, starting on **11 August**. This is a fantastic 14-week course that equips new



parents with the skills to better manage children with behavioural problems, creating a home environment that is conducive to positive social and educational outcomes. We encourage any new parent to get in touch with us at the resource centre or the programme coordinator Dana Vaughan on 021 464 997.

“I have learnt so much from this course... it will definitely help in the bringing up and growth of my children.” – Quote from a course participant.

Whanau Resilience Programme

In the second week of the school holidays as part of our Whanau Resilience Programme, CILT took 12 young people on a road trip to Auckland. The purpose was to safely experience the different forms of transport available in a big city. As a lot of us probably know, the high levels of sensory stimulation and uncompromising pace of inner-city public transport can be intimidating, especially for people who are not familiar with it. The funding for the trip is from Whānau Resilience, who are interested in the longterm recovery of whānau from family harm trauma. The participants had the opportunity to travel using AT Hop cards on the trains, buses and ferries and also go on a tram and learn to use Segways. They went to Devonport to see the tunnels and gun turrets and also took a trip to Motat and the Airfield Hall.

If you would like to learn more about our many programmes aimed at improving the lives of people in the upper Coromandel, then check out our website, come into the resource centre on 45 Tiki Road to speak to someone or pick up a flyer with more information.

Ngā mihi. Thank you. From the team at CILT – Coromandel Independent Living Trust.

www.cilt.org.nz, (07) 866 8358

CoroLocalLegend with Coromandel Four Square

Congratulations to Linda Walsh of Coromandel, who is the recipient of a gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square. Linda has been nominated by her daughter Josie who



wrote, “I would like to nominate my mum, Linda Walsh, for the CoroLocalLegend award. She has worked in the chemist here for more than 15 years, looking after people and making sure they get the medicine they need. All through Covid lockdown she delivered prescriptions to people’s homes and continues to deliver to our kaumatua in Phoenix House as well as the retirement village and those who find it difficult to make the trip into town. She has been a St John volunteer for our town both as an ambulance driver and behind the scenes. She also offers JP services to the people of Coromandel and is the best mum and granny we could ask for, always going out of her way to help anyone she can. The question I get asked always is, ‘how’s your mum?’ which just goes to show how much the people of Coromandel care about her!”

Thanks for your community spirit Linda; you are a true CoroLocalLegend!

Do you know someone who deserves recognition for their amazing community spirit?

Drop us a line telling us and they will receive acknowledgement in the Coromandel Town Chronicle as well as receiving a \$50 gift hamper from Coromandel Four Square.



Send your nominations to: Coromandel. foursquare@foodstuffs.co.nz (subject line: CoroLocalLegend) or post to: CoroLocalLegend, PO Box 5, Coromandel 3506. Kindly refrain from nominating family members

Chartered Accountants

The Hauraki Taxation Service Limited

- ▶ For out of town independent accounting advice
- ▶ Established 1982
- ▶ Approved agents for Inland Revenue Department
- ▶ Offices in Coromandel Town & Thames



95 Kapanga Road, Coromandel
Ph/Fax: 07 866-8660
Em: coro@haurakitaxation.co.nz

JOHNSTON FENCING

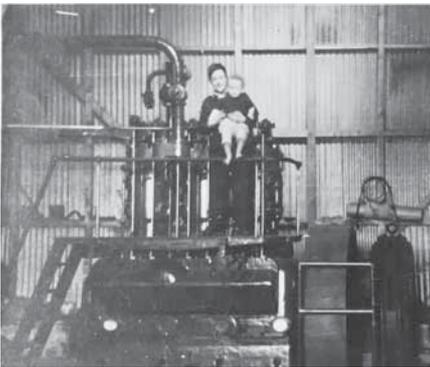
PHONE ROSS
021 395 900

Museum News

By Raewyn McKinney

First of all, this month, I must apologise to Jim. I do not know what went wrong last month, but I am sorry for getting his name wrong in my report. Since the last Chronicle there has been a small change in the committee of the Coromandel School of Mines & Historical Society Inc, as Jennie and Judy have swapped roles. The committee is therefore: President – Jennie James, Vice-President – Judy Bronlund, Secretary – Raewyn McKinney, Treasurer – Susan Swan. Committee: Debbie Harvey, Joanna Platt, Jim Sharp.

Last month, I should have mentioned an important anniversary for our town – the 75th anniversary of the switching on of



Cyril Strongman, with young brother Nigel, in the Strongman Powerhouse 20 July 1946

the town power supply. On 20 July 1946, at 5.00pm, the Strongman Electric Supply Company's power supply was switched on by Sir James Thorn, MP for Coromandel. I thank Cyril Strongman very much for drawing this anniversary to my attention, and for showing me his lovely photos. The Strongman Electric Supply Company supplied the power for Coromandel Town from that date until Coromandel joined the national grid in 1960. Initially, the power was on for around 11 hours a day, from 6am to 9am, then for a time at midday, and from 4pm to 11pm, but by 1948 the power was on for 24 hours a day.

From "In Search of the Rainbow" – "Homes were wired by electricians, but the supply lines were all installed by Jack Strongman and Bill Evans, both of whom were in their late seventies. The power and telephone poles were erected on opposite sides of the street in order to alleviate electrical interference."

The idea of a town power supply for Coromandel had been in discussion for many years, as shown by this article from "Thames Star" of 3 August 1922:

"Coromandel Needs Supply Of Electricity. Engineers' Report

In his report to the Thames Valley Electric Power Board the manager, Mr R. Sprague, stated that Messrs. Gauvain and McLeod had forwarded a report with reference to supply of energy to the Coromandel County Council, which was as follows:

"Re. supply of power to Coromandel: It is very questionable whether they can

make a financial success of the undertaking by taking power from the board's mains, owing to the distance it would have to be transmitted. The minimum cost of the line to Coromandel would be £20,000, though it may be as much as £30,000, depending upon conditions. The minimum capital and overhead charges would be £2500 per annum. Power is additional to this – Government rates are £30 per K.V.A. per year for the first 200 K.V.A., and £8 per K.V.A. for all above 200 K.V.A. Allowing 100 K.V.A. delivered: Current, £1000 p.a.; capital and overhead charges, £2500 p.a.; total, £3500 p.a. This is £35 per K.V.A. per year..... To take the line to the county boundary only, would require a minimum capital and overhead charge at £1000 per annum. To deliver 100 K.V.A. to the boundary, the total minimum charge would be £2000 per annum, or £20 per K.V.A... It may be a much cheaper proposition altogether for Coromandel County to go in for a scheme of their own. The whole matter would need looking into carefully, however, and some idea obtained of what loads they had in their area, as it might be too expensive for them to take on any large scheme yet awhile."

He was quite right, it certainly did take a while! No doubt the people of Coromandel were thrilled when they did finally get the power connected.

The museum will be open on Thursday mornings only, until the beginning of October

Everyone knows the best place to go fishing is near a mussel farm. Please follow these guidelines to keep everyone safe.

- ↔ **Keep 30 meters** from working mussel barges at all times
- 🌀 **Don't tie-up** to a line being worked on
- 🪝 **Never cast your line** towards a mussel barge – farmers have been injured from flying hooks and sinkers
- ⚓ **No Anchors.** Tie-on to a longline buoy or use approved mooring hooks
- 🚤 **Minimise** your speed and wake
- 🚗 **Never** drive across the lines



www.coromā.co.nz





Interested in selling your property and saving money?

\$10,000^{+GST} Flat Fee

No upfront costs - No sale, No fee

Our flat fee covers everything you need to **sell your home**:

- An experienced salesperson
- Photography & HD video
- Online dashboard
- No fixed term contract
- Ongoing support (7 days a week)
- Open homes and more

Contact me for your **FREE** market appraisal.

Raewyn Trail 021 020 19111

Licensed REAA 2008

/Richardsons

Real Estate Ltd MREINZ / Coromandel
Licensed REAA2008

Meet the team... Kim, Robyn,
Melissa, Laurie-Ann & Lynne



* Waterfront at Wyuna Bay! Exceptionally private 4,720m2 property featuring panoramic harbour views, extensive landscaping, lawns and bush. 4 brm Lockwood, 2 living rooms, 2 bathrooms and FANTASTIC decking. Excellent garaging. **\$PBN**

* Utterly spectacular Pacific Ocean, Mercury Island & coastline views to heighten the senses. Expansive decking blends with large open-plan living areas (fireplace), 3 double brms and 2 bathrooms. Garaging for the boat/tractor & motorhome. **\$PBN**



* A beauty on Bellville! The 2,524m2 section will allow you plenty of options for gardens and an orchard. Great views of the valley down to town/harbour. 3 brms, open-plan living, office/4th brm and large decking to capture sunsets. **\$780,000**

* Serenity personified at Tuatēawa! Immerse yourself in this beautifully private 3,280m2 property featuring native & tropical plantings. Open-plan living with log fire, 2 brms and multiple decking areas. Ocean and coastline views. **\$705,000**

/Richardsons

Real Estate Ltd MREINZ / Coromandel
Licensed REAA2008

Celebrating
60 YEARS
1960 - 2020

www.richardsons.co.nz
151 Kapanga Road, Coromandel
Ph: 07 866 8900 ~ Kim 021 533174
Robyn 021 448975 & Melissa 027 2498287
Rental Manager ~ Laurie-Ann 027 9276368



* A perfect location for a fishing base, first home or rental proposition. 306m² fenced section. 3 brm home, open-plan living and a north facing deck. Easy walk into town. **\$535,000**



* BUSH & WATER SANCTUARY. 1.6ha with bush and pasture. A unique home featuring spacious open-plan living areas, 5 brms, office, art gallery/music room, billiard room. **\$By Nego**



View from Lot 2

* FANTASTIC harbour and rural views from this extremely private 6.25ha block set on the northern edge of town. Great building site with plenty of space for garaging. **\$690,000**



* Spectacular character at Tuateawa. This proposed section of approx 3,105m² (more or less) offers brilliant Pacific Ocean & coastal views. (Subject to issue of Title). **Offers over \$500,000**



* This wonderful mini bush block of 1.0560ha is situated above beautiful Little Bay, with magical views overlooking the sands of Waikawau Bay. Formed driveway access. **\$625,000**



* "The Courtyard". A vacant commercially zoned 280m² section, including a small kiosk building. An opportunity to broaden your business horizons. **\$280,000 + GST (if any)**

Thank you to our valued Clients and Customers for helping us achieve 4 sales last month. We would welcome the opportunity to help you market your property ☺





Coromandel Bowling Club

By Linda Lindsay, Communications

Winter cup

The second, and final, round of the Winter Cup was hotly contested on the Mercury Bay Greens on Thursday 15 July. As Coromandel held the narrowest of leads it promised to be a series of hard fought games and this turned out to be the case. At the beginning of day's play Coromandel had their noses in front with a two-game lead. This came and went during the day's proceedings and after the final games were entered on the scoreboard Mercury Bay had the winning honours secured. 21½ to 20½ games, with only one point and one end separating the Clubs!

As is the norm in these matches, each game was played in good spirit with plenty of banter and the bonus of a warm winter day and a hearty lunch. We all look forward to the Summer Cup and demonstrating our prowess on the home greens of the Coromandel Bowling Club in the new season.



The Club

By Maureen Kimber

Something a little different on **Saturday 14 August**, Martina will be presenting the Purple Fever Karaoke evening from 7-9pm in The Club. No need to get up and perform as all of the words will appear on the big screen, and we can either sing along to our favourites from our chairs or take the mike and be discovered! Doors open from 6.30pm. Tickets \$10 at the Coromandel Town Information Centre. See you there.



Combined Clubs Of Coromandel THE CLUB

RSA News

By Pat Williams

We have had a few very cold mornings, but the blue skies and sun that followed made up for the pain.

Our RSA membership stands at 190 paid members.

Upgrading of the CCC club rooms is coming along nicely.

When all is finished it will be a very desirable venue for all sorts of occasions.

Our best wishes go to Jo McNeil who has had a fall and is currently in hospital. Chin up Jo, we are thinking of you.

The Memorial Forest signage, Hauraki Road, is still not back in situ! Men!

Loes Beaver, our RSA Women's Section President, forwarded photos to the RNZRSA National Women's Association Inc., who publish a very comprehensive District Newsletter. They were published in said newsletter. One was of our Coromandel Cenotaph on Anzac Day and the other was of President Kevin Stone presenting Shirley Fenwick and myself with our Life Membership certificates and badges. Thanks Loes.

Below is a snippet from RNZRSA National Women's District Newsletter War and Service Animals in New Zealand.

"Over 10,500 horses left NZ by sea to Albany, Western Australia. All horses from NZ and Australia then departed to the Middle East. The journey took seven weeks and the horses were confined in a single stall. Heat and ventilation was also a problem, together with only brief walks in a confined space. At the end of the war horses could not go back to NZ because of quarantine regulations.

"Fortunately, some of the NZ officers had connections in England where their horses could quarantine first and four horses made it back to NZ. The officers had to pay for the passage back to NZ personally. The horses were Bess, Dolly, Nigger and Beauty."

Today we still have active service animals and these animals, past and present, are remembered on 24 February each year, on what is known as "Purple Poppy Day". For more info on our service animals, visit the Bulls Museum or the Waiouru Army Museum.

That's it for now. Stay safe and keep smiling.

Coromandel Contract Bridge Club

By Judy Bronlund

The days are flying by and it is so hard to believe that we are coming into August, which is when we start off playing the Jackson Pairs followed by the Joan van O pairs. We welcome Linda to our club and hope to have another member shortly. Unfortunately, two of our members are receiving medical treatment at this time.

New members and visitors to Coromandel are most welcome to join. us for an evening of bridge on a Monday. Please let Lyn know so that she can fit you in. We would also welcome back folk who were members and took a break! We play on Monday evening at the St John rooms.

Contact Lyn (07) 866 8858, Val (07) 866 8730

Purnell

LAWYERS

BRENDA FLAY, SOLICITOR:

Travels to Coromandel on Tuesdays.

Please phone the Thames Office (868 8680) for appointments.

PARTNERS: Hayley Green and Brenda Flay

THAMES OFFICE: 611 Mackay Street, P.O. Box 31, Thames

PHONE: 868 8680 **EMAIL:** info@purnell.nz

COROMANDEL OFFICE: Tiki House, Tiki Road

OUR SERVICES

ESTATE PLANNING / PROPERTY / COMMERCIAL

www.purnell.nz

THAMES

WHITIANGA

COROMANDEL

CORO GYM

COROGYM@GMAIL.COM

Budding Writers – Seasons Project

By Sue Gilmer

We are now well into sharing our experiences of seasonal changes through our stories. Last month’s starter topic we were given was “How seasons affect our moods and emotions. What we notice in ourselves and in others and what we do, if anything, to counter these emotional tendencies.” It took us on quite a journey. Here is Linley Edmeades’s thought-provoking piece.

Seasons along the Coromandel Coast: exploring our feelings in the winter

Magic happens. Even in winter, every day, it is happening.

Sitting in a pot, under the blanket of earth, the colour of spring is stored. Buds on the branches of each tree hold leaves and blossoms, folded and resting, waiting to fatten.

It is June, nearly the winter solstice. The waters of the creeks have risen and are washing and cleansing the stones and banks that have been dry all summer. Leaves and fallen dead branches are washed downstream, some collecting on high points, most dropping to the bed of the creek, forming the nourishing silt that eventually feeds the soil.

It always takes a few deep breaths and resignation to pull out the scarves and warm jumpers and boots, and to say to yourself, winter has arrived and life is changing again, spiralling into its next curve of season.

Winds turn to the southwest and cut across the waves of Tikapa Moana o Hauraki.

The oystercatchers, the dotterels, the red billed gulls, and the kererū, the piwakawaka, and the ruru, are enjoying time feeding and foraging, until nest building begins again, soon.

Walking along the beach after a storm, we can sometimes find kauri gum, washed down the swollen creeks and floating near the shore. Apricot treasure is hidden under a coat of rough edges and pits.

I can feel a grief with the turning of autumn to winter, a grief around loss not death, just as if a friend has moved away for a time. I miss the long evenings, the warm sea and the wonderful daily feel of waves on my skin. I miss the intensity of new life in the garden, seeds germinating, leaves green and new, buds forming fruit, heat in the compost pile.

I notice people sighing and commenting on how cold or how wet or how windy the days are. It is as if winter is something to be tolerated and got through and we become martyrs to our wish for time to speed by.

Sometimes I wonder if we were meant to hibernate, like other sensible mammals. Instead, we push ourselves to keep working, most of us have to. We pretend that the days are just the same as in midsummer. We get up at the same time, even though it is dark. My chickens will only get out of their houses when the light opens the sky, and they are in their straw nests once it is dark, by six o’clock at the latest. We humans stay up until our usual bedtime hour, and then tuck down with hot water bottles and blankets and expect our bodies to adapt.

Now it is time to embrace the dark clear nights and startling stars and planets. It is time to talk to papatūānku as she sleeps and nurtures the dormant new life. If I look carefully I notice wee fungi, and the glowworms on our creek banks show off every night.

There is nothing as sure as change, but it is how we embrace the change that will get us happily to the next magic season on the Coromandel.

If you want to find out more, please contact Sue (07) 866 8833

WANTED



VEHICLES: DEAD, ALIVE, DAMAGED,

de-registered, mechanical problems, no WOF – we buy it all.

**We pay top cash for any cars,
vans, utes, 4X4, trucks**

Conditions apply

**FREE
Pickup
24/7**

Freephone now on 0800 333 398

Or text 021 344 449 www.vehicleremovals.co.nz

Cyclists’ Gathering

By Leanne Jeffcoat



What started as a cold July evening ended with some hearty enthusiasm for the future of cycling in and around the northern Coromandel. Twenty locals attended the evening consisting of a range of ages, abilities and cycling interests.

Key points to take away were:

- The initial construction phase of the Bike Park is now complete. The opportunity exists going forward for events to be held at the Park given the high standard of facilities.
- Tree planting is the next task with trees having been donated by Nga Rakau Nurseries in Auckland. The holes are ready for the trees thanks to a working bee completed on 17 July.
- A tentative Working Bee is now planned for **Saturday 31 July** to plant the remaining section running along Hauraki Road. Keep an eye on the Ride Coromandel Facebook page for details.
- Trail development on the northern Coromandel is ongoing, both around Coromandel Town and further afield.
- The possibility of moving the half pipe to the Bike Park was raised to make it a more inclusive area for activities.
- Ongoing communications will be made through Facebook, email and WhatsApp as we are finding not everyone is in one place.

If you are keen to get involved in the cycling group then please contact Gavin 027 405 1673.

This is not all oneway traffic in terms of people’s time and input. We are also encouraging fellow cyclists to put together ride options, training sessions and other events to keep interest and enthusiasm up, by communicating through Facebook and WhatsApp. If you have a ride suggestion or have access somewhere that you are happy to share, then please let us know. Otherwise, watch this space.

Big thanks to Pepper Tree Restaurant for allowing us to use their facility for the meeting.

COROMANDEL PLAYERS PRESENT

MURDER DEFERRED

A PLAY BY STUART READY



AT HAURAKI HOUSE THEATRE,
COROMANDEL TOWN

Friday 27th,
Saturday 28th
August at 7.30pm

Sunday 29th August at 2pm

Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th September at 7.30pm

Tickets \$20 from Coromandel Town Information Centre

Heartbeat – Coromandel St John

Level 1 First Aid Training Course

Local one-day first aid course, ideal for first aiders in workplaces and anyone wanting to learn the basics of first aid.

Train with the experts. You never know when you may need to help in an accident or medical emergency. Gain knowledge and confidence to provide effective first aid. Certificate received upon completion.

Dates: **Friday 6 August and Friday 13 August.**

Venue: St John Hall, crn Tiki Road and Whangapoua Road, Coromandel Town.

Cost: \$150. Time: 8.30am-5pm.



To register your place or for further information email: coro.ac@stjohn.org.nz, or phone 0274 894 269

New Rural Ambulance Launched On Coromandel Peninsula

A new ambulance created especially for rural and remote communities has been rolled out in Coromandel Town to enhance St John's emergency response times. The new Volkswagen First Response Unit was launched in June as part of developments to St John's service delivery model, as the organisation rolls out the fourth and final year of its Double Crewing Project. As well as providing better tools for the dedicated team of volunteers, the project has enabled seven additional paid staff to be hired to double crew two transporting ambulances, which will serve communities between Coromandel Town and Whitianga.

The new state-of-the-art vehicle joins those already operating in Tairua, Hahei and Colville, to build resilience in these rural areas. "The new vehicles will benefit both our staff and patients. They are smaller and nimbler compared with traditional ambulances, which will enable our crews to navigate tight, rural roads, and quickly locate patients," says John Armit, St John Hauraki Territory Manager. "They are also tall and provide the space required for treating and stabilising patients, which enables the best clinical care to be applied." Apart from having modern features, the new First Response Unit is designed for crews to transport patients locally or to meet a helicopter or transporting ambulance, which will shorten job cycles and enable crews to remain in the local community and be available to respond to emergencies more often. This will improve response times and lead to better health outcomes for patients.

The rollout of the new rural ambulance means more volunteers are required to work alongside current and new staff, who play a critical role in delivering important, lifesaving work across the Coromandel Peninsula. St John is committed to supporting the development of its volunteer ambulance officers and ensuring they receive the necessary coaching and training required to be successful.

Anyone interested in volunteering for St John on the frontline can contact the local St John station, call 0800 ST JOHN (0800 785 646), or visit join.stjohn.org.nz



Coromandel Budget Advisory Service

By Caroline Dunn

Budget Advice

Hi folks and welcome to August, the lucky last official month of winter. I for one am looking forward to spring's arrival. In the last few weeks we have been working with other budgeting services in the district, creating a combined website. Hopefully by next month it will be up and running and I can share with you all our website name. It will have links to plenty of useful recourses and information on the budgeting services in the district.

If you have been thinking about coming to see us, please do. We help clients with a huge range of things. Sometimes you may just want to work out a budget for yourself or as requested by WINZ. If you don't currently use MyMSD, we can help you get this set up so you can see what payments you are receiving and if they are correct.

We know winter can mean reduced working hours for a lot of people in town. This may mean you have debt that you are struggling to pay. We can contact debtors on your behalf and negotiate a payment plan to suit your current financial situation. Don't let debt pile up and stress you out; we find most companies are happy to help their customers if you just contact them and let them know your current situation. We understand this can be hard for people, and this is where we can help and advocate for you. So, if you are juggling debt repayments or have debt that you want to start actively reducing, call us. We can help! This is a free service, provided to help people in our community regain and stay in control of their financial situation.

To make an appointment, come and see us at our office in Tiki House, located opposite the BP, or call us on (07) 866 8351.

Opening hours are: Tuesday 9.30am-3pm, Wednesday 9.30am-3pm, Thursday 12pm-3pm.

Foodbank

If you have produce from your garden you would like to donate to the Foodbank, this can be dropped to the Budget Advisory office at Tiki House on a Wednesday between 9.30am and 3pm.

If you need assistance with food, please contact us to book a time for Thursday afternoon. Time slots in the pantry will need to be booked by contacting Coromandel Budget Advisory prior to midday Wednesday on (07) 866 8351 or 022 018 0849.

If you think you will need food parcel assistance over a couple of weeks, please make an appointment with one of our budgeting mentors. They will then be able to book you in for further food parcels as required.

If you're receiving a food parcel via the Foodbank, please remember to bring your own boxes/bags to collect your groceries.

A Cup of tea & happy memories

A cup of tea and happy memories. There is something special about a warm cup of your favourite. It reduces stress and gives you a moment to reflect, organise and assemble your thoughts. A cuppa is all you need to start a pre-arrangement for your funeral with one of our funeral directors. Start a conversation today.

TWENTYMANS
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
Since 1867



07 868 6003
TWENTYMANS.CO.NZ

Rob's

Small Motor Repairs

Come along and see me at 18 Kapanga Road

Rob 866 7865 or 021 618 601

Rethink Rubbish

By Robynne Jones and Robin Munch



The Preschool collects bread tags, pens/markers, toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, disposable razors and more for recycling and they benefit from the funds raised. Take any of these items into the Preschool (in Pottery Lane, behind Four Square) before Friday 6 August and go into a fantastic prize draw of awesome reusable items donated by Rethink Rubbish Coromandel Town.

Let's stay with the trend and keep working towards reducing rubbish and landfill in Coromandel Town.

Every piece of plastic that has ever been created still exists in our world. Plastic pollution poses a significant threat to our environment. Single-use plastic is manufactured to last forever, yet is often used for only a few minutes, before being thrown away.

Recent studies have found that we now have micro-plastic particles in our bodies. This is motivating many of us to become more concerned about the impacts of plastic and to look for alternatives.

Choosing to avoid commercial and chemical cleaning products and switching to healthier alternatives is also a growing trend. White vinegar, bicarbonate of soda, lemon juice and essential oils are popular cleaning solutions. Making your own cleaning products, or buying refills from eco-stores, helps cut down on plastic bottles often purchased just to have a different cleaner for every surface and room.

Patchwork & Quilters

By Judy Russell

I'm starting this month's report from June as it was too exciting not to share. Also it was Queen's Birthday weekend. Our Royal Day consisted of a loyal few, who toughed out terrible weather conditions and were all rewarded with a door prize and a delicious morning tea.

Our next meeting was our Midwinter Xmas Luncheon, sharing lots of chatter and laughs. Fabulous food (contributed by all). Thanks to Robyn for your organising, and Ursula for the table decorations. Games of bingo followed, won by Keitha and Mary-Jo. Judging of the President's challenge followed – winner this year was Sue Smith. The Challenge was to design a postcard made up from a small bag of collage materials that Raewyn had given out earlier in the year. Following true postcard style, many had a story or title on the reverse.

We also enjoyed a workshop tutored by Fiona – the making of a handy ziplock project bags, just great for storing and keeping threads and applique separated and tidy. Was a quick, fun project to make. Thanks Fi.

As always, lots of stitching going on. The ladies were working on their own projects as well.

If you're passing by – feel free to pop in.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month 9.30am-3.30pm at St John rooms, Tiki Road. President Raewyn Penrose (07) 866 8880, Secretary Sharon Currie (07) 866 8762



Sue Smith winner of the President's challenge



President's challenge

How good is your hearing?

TV up too loud?
Missing conversation?
Can't hear the car indicators?
It's time you had a hearing test.

Book now for a FREE hearing check.

Free hearing aid trials available.

Before buying a hearing aid...
shop around and compare our prices.

You may be eligible for ACC funding or Government subsidy.



Ph 07 868 8454



Next Clinic: Tuesday 3rd August
at Tiki House, Coromandel Town

Total Hearing Care
102 Sealey Street, Thames



By Pamela Grealey

I found this male weta on the water tank by the chicken coop. A very brave creature skillfully avoiding the beaks of the marauding flock. Endemic to New Zealand this gorgeous bug is always a treat to see up close. They eat mostly leaves, some fruit and seeds and maybe some chicken feed in this particular case.

mcgregorabaywetland@hotmail.com welcomes wildlife photos

Ann's Good News, Naturally



Viruses and Covid-19

Viruses are small particles of genetic material (either DNA or RNA) that are surrounded by a protein coat. Some viruses also have a fatty envelope covering. They are incapable of reproducing their own. They depend on the organism they infect (host) for their survival.

Viruses can perform many important functions for humans, but for a health-compromised human body, most are pathogenic, or disease forming. They are the trigger, but not the real cause, of many diseases.

All body systems can be affected by viruses – e.g.:

- Rhino virus (common cold)
- Seasonal influenza (affects 5-20% of the population annually; 200,000 people in the US are hospitalised annually from complications of the flu)
- Epstein Barr virus (glandular fever – fever, swollen lymph nodes, muscle aches)
- Respiratory syncytial virus (upper respiratory lower

respiratory infections, like colds, pneumonia or bronchiolitis)

- Sars Cov-2 virus (causing Covid-19 virus with symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath and pneumonia)
- Varicella Zoster virus (chicken pox and shingles)
- Molluscum contagiosum (small flesh-coloured bumps on skin, common in children aged 1-10)
- Herpes Simplex virus-1 (transmitted by saliva or kissing, or sharing food or drink, causing genital herpes)
- Rotavirus (gastroenteritis, vomiting and diarrhoea)
- Viral encephalitis (acute inflammation of the brain from any of a number of viruses)
- Human papilloma virus (HPV) – sexually transmitted,
- Hepatitis B (infection of the liver, transmitted through contaminated blood and body fluids)
- Cocksackie B viruses (digestive and cardiovascular infections).

Initial (Real) Cause of Viral Infections

A strong, healthy immune system is required to prevent your body from succumbing to a viral attack. Your defence mechanisms only work when your immune cells are potently nourished and not stressed or tired. Recurrent or chronic infections are characterized by a depressed immune system. Living and eating preventatively is the key.

Avoid – poor muscle quality, high fat mass, stress, poor sleep habits, unhealthy diet high in processed or toxic foods, drugs or pharmaceutical agents, alcohol, all of which harm your digestive tract (gut immunity) integrity. This causes your immune system to be over- or underactive, leading to longterm cellular malnutrition or half health. Your immune system will not work at its optimum.

Post-Viral Syndrome

This is a reoccurring viral infection, long after the first presentation. It is claimed that this is a difficult condition to treat because of the repetitive cycle of a compromised immune system further weakening resistance to the virus coming out of its dormancy. This leads to further infection, fatigue, aches and pains and depression.

What is "Long Covid"?

Long Covid is an extension of Post viral syndrome.

Includes anyone with medical symptoms persisting for several weeks after an infection with the coronavirus. Under this umbrella there are four groups:

- 1) Those experiencing the after-effects of ventilation in intensive care, e.g. muscle weakness.
- 2) Those with organ damage, e.g. lungs, caused by the virus. Note – any severe chest infection can cause lung scarring.
- 3) Those with post-viral syndrome, e.g. fatigue, aches and more.
- 4) Those with "longterm Covid syndrome"? – The body's immune system may fail to deactivate once the virus has settled into dormancy. This may cause breathlessness, brain fog, joint and chest pain, depression, poor concentration, skin rashes, heart palpitations and/or bowel issues, all symptoms which I have dealt with successfully when treating Post-viral syndrome.

My good news

My daughter and family have been forced to return from their home in Mallorca, Spain, because of Covid-19. They have 20 healthy friends who have had a positive Covid-19 test. Their symptoms were cold- and flu-like symptoms and lack of taste. They are all well again. Nobody died. That is their reality of the virus.

Contact Ann Kerr Bell on 021 046 1647

FLOORING XTRA

Drapes & Blinds

- Free Curtain Making
- Up to **50% OFF** Premium blinds
- Up to **25% OFF** Premium shutters, Honeycomb blinds and Veri shades

Book your FREE in HOME consultation Today!

Offer applies to selected fabrics - T's and C's Apply

Offer ends 30th September 2021

FAGANS FLOORING XTRA
68 ALBERT ST, WHITIANGA
whitianga@flooringxtra.co.nz
Ph 07 866 2836

ON ALL FLOORS FLOORING XTRA
90 KOPU RD, KOPU
thames@flooringxtra.co.nz
Ph 07 868 7608

Natural Medical Centre

The natural alternative for all your health requirements

At Tiki House,
Coromandel.

For appointments,
phone or text: 021 046 1647
or email: annk-b@ps.gen.nz
www.naturalmedicalcentre.co.nz

Ann Kerr-Bell
B.Hlth.Sc. (Comp.Med.)
Adv.Dip.Naturopathy
Adv.Dip.Med.Herb. MNZAMH
Naturopath
Medical Herbalist
Nutritionist
Massage Therapist

Grey Power Coromandel

By John Rabarts. President

Next members' meeting: **Thursday 5 August**, St John Rooms, Tiki Road Coromandel. We gather at 1pm, for our meeting which starts at 1.30pm, with afternoon tea at 3pm. Bill Chadderton and John Rabarts will speak on aspects of the Grey Power Federation AGM held in Nelson in July 2021. You will hear about frosty mornings, sunny days, missing taxis, lost wallet, keys, left behind jacket, razor, a tie and some positive progress and views of the future for Grey Power NZ. Members, friends and visitors are welcome and you may ask questions – maybe even get answers as best we can.

Since Grey Power's inception in the mid-1980's, in response to the introduction of taxes discriminating against older New Zealanders by the government of the day, Grey Power has won recognition as the voice of the "over 50's". We were instrumental in reversing the surtax on Superannuation that prompted our birth as a lobby organisation. Since then we have continued to successfully lobby government and local authorities on issues threatening older people's ability to continue effective and safe participation in our communities. Grey Power has nationwide coverage and a huge representation – 50,000 to 60,000 members – of people approaching retirement, working past retirement age, or retired. The aging of New Zealand's population will see people spending up to a quarter of their lives in retirement. Never before in modern history has there been so much insecurity over health, security in one's own home and the cost of living. It is evident that people aged over 50 years need a united voice if their circumstances on reaching retirement are not to be jeopardised. Grey Power Coromandel is a volunteer organisation. No paid staff. No office. We give our time to handle all enquiries, advocacy, and administration tasks of our association on your behalf. We have four members' meetings a year and four or more magazines. To join or renew membership contact Carol Carson – ph (07) 866 7172, or president John Rabarts on john.rabarts@gmail.com.

Philosophy and purpose of Grey Power associations

- To advance, support and protect the welfare and wellbeing of older people.
- To affirm and protect that statutory right of every New Zealand resident, to a sufficient New Zealand Superannuation entitlement.
- To strive for a provision of quality health care to all New Zealand residents regardless of income and location.
- To oppose all discriminatory and disadvantageous legislation affecting rights, security and dignity.
- To be nonaligned with any political party, and to present a strong united lobby to all Parliament and statutory bodies on matters affecting all New Zealanders.
- To promote and establish links with kindred organizations.
- To promote recognition of the wide-ranging services provided by senior citizens of New Zealand.
- To gain recognition as an appropriate voice for all older New Zealanders.



Writers Group

By Megan Mackie

Six writers met at Te Kouma for our July meeting and a welcome was extended to Tracy, who has joined our group.

As usual we began with our 20-minute writing exercise with the topic on this day being set by a visiting grandson.

His topic of "Thinking like a fish" was probably prompted by fishing off the wharf the day before, but it did lead to some interesting stories.

One member wrote:

I am a Piscean so I should be able to think like a fish in water. But alas I can't even swim properly. I put it down to not having learnt as a child. At primary school we used to go to the municipal pool once a week, but I was never comfortable with putting my face into the chlorinated water.

How could I possibly think like a fish when water is so essential to their existence?

Our family have been vegetarian for years now but I will sometimes eat a piece of fish, so I like them as objects for my wellbeing but "Thinking like a fish"? Well here goes.

I am a timid minnow. The sea is so vast we minnows keep together for safety from all of the great fish that swim around here. We dart here and there and as soon as a large fish swims by looking for a meal we dart between the rocks where we cannot be reached. Their bulbous round eyes blaze with anger when they can't get me as a tasty morsel.

I am an orphan now. Mother, father, sisters and brothers are all gone. All eaten by sharks and the huge variety of fishes that live around here. My heart beats wildly as I venture out. There is security in numbers and we move around as a large shoal. I always try to swim in the middle so any marauder will choose one of my neighbours. It is a hard life to be born a minnow. Next time around I want to be a shark! It will be safer, I think, but sometimes I get to feed on a shark when their carcasses are flung overboard from one of those huge vessels that float on top of the sea. Sometimes their fins have been cut off first and then they are tossed over the side. Then it is our turn to feed on the flesh as it sinks to the bottom of the sea.

Still, I am alive for now!

Papa Aroha
Engineering
Est. 1980 LIMITED

Servicing Small Engines:
Ride-on Mowers
Quad bikes



MIKE McCALL • 07 866 8469 • 027 223 7919
Email mikepapeng@gmail.com

TREE WORK

Call 027 451 2224
or 07 866 8177

www.dynamictreecare.co.nz
Email: dynamictreecare@gmail.com



10 million people coming together for one cause: Peace

By Linda Cholmondeley Smith

The 2021 Ekam World Peace Festival is the fourth annual peace festival and is being celebrated for three days: **Friday 17 to Sunday 19 September**.

This year's festival is so very important for many reasons. As countries proclaim a return to normalcy and peace after the pandemic, is it really the case? We cannot forget the lessons collectively learned over the last 18 months and a pandemic-dependent peace is really no peace at all. And peace based on a problem-free life is not sustainable as it lacks insight.

Peace is a state of being; a courageous sense of calm that prevails through any challenges one faces, embodying endurance.

When this peace becomes the foundation of our learning, actions and governance, then we will see the emergence of a new age of spiritual awakening and enlightenment. This new age will bring with it generations of harmony. This is the peace that great sages of the past have spoken about and reminded humanity to live in. They meditated on peace and found it within themselves. They knew that peace alone had the power to solve challenges and crises facing the world. Peace isn't the sole responsibility of our leaders. It is for all of us to rise as one collective voice to support bringing peace to everyone.

Sage Ramana Maharishi said, "Peace can be had even in towns in the thick of worldly occupations."

The key to peace is giving up all notions of community, caste and culture that divide us. This peace is possible for everyone. We need the wisdom to practise right thinking and a holistic perception and state of being to carry out inclusive action.

The World Peace Festival is a phenomenon. It is a massive movement in awareness towards peace and a global meditative festival where over 10 million peacemakers come together online for three days to shift human consciousness from conflict towards peace. Each day hundreds of thousands of individuals, families, business organisations and institutions will meditate for one specific cause that brings peace.

17 September will be peace for healing economic unrest,

18 September will be peace for healing division,

19 September will be peace for healing the planet.

Join the Ekam World Peace Festival and be a peacemaker! All are welcome!

www.ekam.org/ekam-world-peace-festival/

Further local info is on Facebook page: The Living Well



McGregor Bay Wetland Society

McGregor Bay Wetland Society is looking to hire a part-time coordinator for a 2-year, fixed-term contract.

We are looking for someone to work with local schools, and communities, to promote the value of our wetland, and to create the basis of a lasting program of community involvement to restore it to its natural state.

You will have some experience in creating programs of work, ideally in an ecology setting, and you will be eager to get amongst the work that is currently underway, such as trapping and education.

Please register your interest by emailing your CV to: mcmgregorbaywetland@hotmail.com prior to August 15th, 2021

Coromandel Town Information Centre

By Sandra Wilson, Manager



We certainly have had some light frosts in July. Like me, you might have had to defrost your car. The payoff, though, is when you get the stunning, sunny days that often accompany a frosty morning.

There are two MEG Winter Lectures scheduled this month. On **Sunday 1 August** Ian Preece will speak about his photographic journey from the Himalayas to Coromandel. On **Sunday 8 August** Rob Bell will speak about the impact of sea-level rise on our coastlines. Beyond that, the final lecture will be on **Sunday 5 September** when Bruce Clarkson will speak about bringing indigenous nature back to NZ towns. The free talks are at Pepper Tree Restaurant at 7pm.

A heads up. Our Art Auction and fundraiser will be on again this year. **Friday 19 November** will be auction night followed by the exhibition on **Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 November** at Hauraki House Gallery. This is our major annual fundraiser for the centre and we really appreciate all of your support as this helps keep us afloat.

I would like to thank Coromandel Players, The Club/Laughing Frog Promotions, and Robin Munch for utilising the centre as the ticket outlet for their shows and performances. Everyone is so used to coming to us to purchase tickets. So, if your group is having an event, talk to me about how we can help work together to get the best for everyone. We charge a 10% commission on total tickets sold, which again goes towards our operational costs to help keep the centre open.

Just a reminder that the Fullers 360 Discovery Ferry is operating on weekends through winter, leaving Auckland at 8.45am, then making a stop at Waiheke Island before arriving at Hannaford's Wharf at about 10.45am. It then departs from Coromandel at 4.30pm. This is a convenient service if you know someone on the other side of the gulf who wants to visit you for a day or two and includes a free shuttle service to/from town. We are happy to book passengers on the ferry and this is another way people can support our centre.

Are you part of a community group, school, preschool, sports club that's having an event? Want your event to reach more people? Then contact us at the Information Centre. We can help spread the word by putting a poster in our notice board, putting information on our Facebook page and website, and sending out text messages. This is a free service we offer. Our contact details are shown below.

If you ever feel like you're unaware of an event until it's too late, then come talk to us about receiving occasional and brief SMS text messages. All you need to do is provide us with your cell phone number and we will add you to our list of recipients.

We can help promote your business when you advertise with us. We have a wide range of options and pricing to suit. Call Sandra on 027 521 5560 or Lynne on 027 866 8598 to find out more about how we can help you.

The Information Centre has had a computer system upgrade and you will note changes to our email and website details shown below. The changes will make it easier for us to handle various events and emergent situations in a more timely manner.

Open: 10am-3pm, 7 days a week. Phone: (07) 866 8598 or 027 521 5560. Email: info@coromandeltown.nz. Web: www.coromandeltown.nz. Follow us on Facebook: Coromandel Town Information Centre

PENINSULA ELECTRICAL SERVICES LTD

Commercial & Domestic Electrical Contractors



RAVINDER & SUE RAJ

Registered Electrical Inspector 1750 S/H 25

P.O. Box 109 Coromandel

Telephone (07) 866 8166 Fax (07) 866 8162

Free Phone: 0800 4 Electrical (0800 435 328)

E-mail: ravinder@e3.net.nz

NEW LISTING



10 Courthouse Lane

- 2 double bedrooms and a large bathroom with a wet-floor shower
- Cosy open plan living/dining and kitchen
- Situated within a very easy stroll to all shopping facilities

For Sale \$ 520,000
harcourts.co.nz/CO1947
Maria Blundell 022 0815 817

NEW LISTING



2454D Colville Road, Colville

- 2 cabins + a container included
- Delightful elevated 3,069smq (mol) section just minutes away from the local colville community shops
- Situated in a gorgeous position to embrace the all day sun and sea breezes

For Sale \$410,000
harcourts.co.nz/CO1948
Maria Blundell 022 0815 817

NEW ON THE MARKET/ Business For Sale



70 Tiki Road

- Situated in popular Coromandel Town
- Well-established Coromandel business, the business sits on a 1062m2 commercially zoned site
- Coromandel Town is renowned for its seafood and this business focuses totally on the popular coromandel product

For Sale \$ 150,000 + GST (if any) + SAV
harcourts.co.nz/CO1949
Caro Reid 021 0291 5531
Maria Blundell 022 0815 817

FOR SALE - Land/Buildings/Income



85 Wharf Road, Colville

- A rare opportunity to secure a very manageable business and amenities while offering 7327sqm (mol) of pristine Colville land
- This uniquely situated motel and motor-camp is quietly tucked away off the main road, overlooking Colville Bay and the magnificent Moehau range
- With established gardens and manicured lawns, this private gateway is Coromandel Peninsula's northern most motel and motor-camp located near to the historic settlement at Colville

For Sale / Price By Negotiation
harcourts.co.nz/CO1946 / CO1951
Maria Blundell 022 0815 817

NAIHarcourts

NEW ON THE MARKET/ Commercial



70 Tiki Road

- Seeking a commercial investment property in the heart of Coromandel Town
- Known as The Coromandel Smoking Company, this iconic building is approximately 170m2 and is situated on prime 1062m2 commercially zoned land
- Situated in one of the most beautiful coastal areas in New Zealand

For Sale \$ 750,000 + GST (if any)
harcourts.co.nz/CO1950
Maria Blundell 022 0815 817
Caro Reid 021 0291 5531

FOR SALE



126 Te Tiki Street

- Two character homes on 954m2
- 2 storey home with 2 bedrooms, stunning kitchen and open plan living
- 3 bedroom home with kauri floorboards, open plan with great deck space
- Additional consulting room and office space

For Sale \$1,250,000
harcourts.co.nz/CO1945
Caro Reid 021 0291 5531



FOR SALE



2628G Rings Road

- You will love this villa with old-world charm situated on approximately 1600m2 of established trees and gardens
- 3 bedroom, high stud home has the bonus of a cedar sleepout
- 4 minutes drive to town and 5 minutes to the closest boat ramp

For Sale \$605,000
harcourts.co.nz/CO3973
Caro Reid 021 0291 5531



Caro Reid
Sales Consultant
021 0291 5531



Maria Blundell
Sales Consultant
022 0815 817



Coromandel Beaches Realty Ltd
MREINZ - Licensed Agents REAA 2008
105 Kapanga Road, Coromandel - 07-866 8260 -
www.harcourtscoromandel.co.nz

Coromandel Embroiderers' Guild

By Jenny Penman

Lettecia, our President, opened our July Guild meeting with a report on the ANZEG Biennial General Meeting held earlier in Wellington. Last year's meeting was postponed because of Covid-19 and this year they were lucky with their scheduling to squeeze it in just before the Wellington lockdown. Jill Wilson, who had been a recipient of an ANZEG study grant, finally had her opportunity to present her colourful photos and stories of her embroidery discovery in India. In the interesting forum time later, a lively discussion ensued on cross stitch and how often it is often denigrated to be the poorer cousin of "proper embroidery". "I'm just a cross stitcher" is the cry many of us have used, usually in the early stages of our stitching journey. The consensus was that not only does cross stitch often provide that first learning step but it can be infinitely varied in its application and is definitely "proper". It was timely, then that our Show and Tell Table had an exquisite example of this stitch by our Secretary Win. Win confessed her angel had been many years in the making, being lost in drawers for long periods along the way, in part due to "muck-ups". How wonderful to hear that she, too, has now discovered to press on regardless and with a little fudging here and there no one will ever know. (Well maybe just some of us Guild members do this!)

Also on show last month were four completed jewellery bags, each in its own colour way, from the May Punto Antico workshop. Our tutor Margaret told us how much it delights a tutor to see workshop projects so enjoyed and completed. Linda's three sculptural pieces caught everyone's attention. These had been created using machine stitching on a proprietary product "Wash-Away Stabiliser". Stitching is done on this specially treated fabric and then the fabric areas not stitched upon are dissolved away in water, creating a skeleton effect. Linda's Picasso Face and Sea Creatures were great examples of this technique, with her grandchildren even helping in making the mounting paper to further enhance the effect.

Unfortunately, a trend has developed of workshops having to be postponed for a variety of reasons this year. The Cyanotype Printing scheduled for late June was not able to be held and will be rescheduled. Our next workshop is entitled "The Knowledge of Threading" with tutor Alys Midglow-Marsden. Alys's explorative workshop will encourage participants to "Revive family stories and reconnect with your history by renewing loved but worn or unfashionable textile treasures, transforming them by collaging, kantha stitching and overpainting into artwork you are proud to put on display in your home as it is today." This will be a wonderful opportunity to make use of all of those little stashes we hold onto dearly, sometimes not quite knowing why.

Next month's report will have a few stories of what went on at Retreat.

Our next Guild meeting will be on **Wednesday 4 August**.

For further information about the Coromandel Embroiderers Guild and related activities contact Lettecia Williams (07) 866 6626



Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place

By Grace

I have been thinking about resilience as a community, how we can be strong together. There is no such thing as an individual – only people in families, communities, ecosystems, all growing out of this one Earth. When the pressure is on, we can isolate, or get polarised into taking positions about this issue or that. My encouragement is to do what our grandmothers taught us, "Take a breath, count to ten, remember that people are more important than opinions."

We need to be strong as individuals. I have my own personal code of conduct and live up to it as best I can. For example, to keep a flow of gratitude and curiosity, take responsibility for my part in relationships and community interests, respect others. Last issue I shared my "helping hand" reminders for self-care and resilience.

Within community things go smoother when everyone wants the same thing. But how common is that? Often the facts of a situation are not obvious, or people have different beliefs about them. Beneath the uncertainties and polarised beliefs, maybe we can find a way to focus on what we really care about, stay connected, and leave space for the situation to unfold. Holding together requires a lot of give – flexing; requires that we forgive self and others when mess ups and arguments happen; requires give-and-take practically as well as emotionally. As the song says, "We all gotta help each other if we're gonna get by." Generosity of spirit in our communities is deeply rooted, as we see in times of crisis like the recent floods down south. We know that our local community has been built and strengthened by so many locals pulling together in projects – work together, play together, laugh together, stay together. That's one more thing I love about living in Coromandel!

Finally, a quote from the Dhammapada: "One is wise who is peaceable, friendly and fearless."

We support our resilience as we meet for soup and sitting, establishing friendship, connection, shared silence and laughter.

Plan: Soup at 6pm. Sitting at 7pm. Finish by 8.30pm.
August dates: 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. There is no community meditation evening at Dharma Gaia this month.

I'm really happy for people to come at 6pm and slip away at 7pm or 8.30pm. Or come for the sitting at 7pm... I'll make a pot of vege soup, and a loaf of wheat sourdough bread. Others can maybe bring special food if required.

Remember, this time is ours. We all connect. This is free for all. Your koha is appreciated if that seems good to you.

To contact me: email: annasorensen@doctors.org.uk
mobile 021 135 7056



**Coromandel
QUARRY &
Contracting Ltd**

- All grades of metal delivered
- Driveways, roading, earthworks

Telephone 07 866 8306

email: richard@cqc.co.nz www.cqc.co.nz

WANT
NATIVE NURSERY & EDIBLES
WAITAIA RD, KUAOTUNU

A wide range of beautiful natives,
palms and fruit trees.

Potting mix, compost, mulch, chook manure.

Open Thursday- Sunday 8.30-4.30 or by phone appointment

Please phone Colin Hill 07 869 5910

Coromandel Garden Circle

By Annette James

Brrrr... I don't know about you, but I've been feeling very chilly lately. Bring on spring, I say!

The Garden Circle met at The Club, Woollams Ave on Wednesday 14 July. It was attended by 26 members and one new member. Welcome to that member.

The topic was Kauri Dieback. Unfortunately our arranged speaker couldn't attend, so Natalie kindly stepped in and gave us an interesting talk about the disease.

Did you know that kauri dieback microbes can swim in wet soil for about three meters? That it originated in Great Barrier Island? It infects the roots of the tree, damaging the tissues, effectively starving it of nutrients. It is a fungus-like organism and is called *Phytophthora agathidicida* (PA). Try saying that even once fast! It is also mainly spread by people's shoes, walking sticks, push chairs, bicycles, dogs, etc. Hence we are asked to stay on the track and clean our shoes, etc. Our new cycle park has a tyre cleaning station, which is great! There is no known cure for it but scientists are using phosphate to try to help the trees that have it.

Scarily, a tree can have the disease for up to 10 years before it starts to show. Symptoms can be gum weeping around the collar. In Coromandel, dieback can be found at New Chum Beach. It's thought that pigs

are helping to spread the disease in the bush and it is hoped that some trees will eventually develop an immunity like the cabbage trees did from the disease that was wiping them out a number of years ago.

Forum

- Apparently pesticides like 1080 not only kills off pests, but also the good microbes, allowing bad ones like phytophthora to thrive.
- Lemon with white spots may have guava moth. Also causes fruit to prematurely fall off the tree. Thelma Nummy has kindly shared her recipe for trapping the guava moth. It is as follows:

- ¾ cup apple cider vinegar
- ¼ cup treacle/golden syrup/maple syrup
- 1 tbsp bleach
- 5 cups water

Mix and put into bottle and hang in the tree.

This month's floral arrangement competitions: Arrangement – Spring flowers arranged in a saucepan – Jeni Mudgway. Special: Show us your best succulents – Shirley Stol.

Next meeting

At the Kuaotunu Garden Club, Kuaotunu Hall at 1.30pm on **Wednesday 11 August**.

Carpooling from Woollams Carpark at 1pm or earlier if you want to go over for lunch first at the café.

If you are interested in becoming a member or being a speaker for us, please contact Convenor – Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 5341, Secretary – Trish Whimp 027 498 5227

Monday Walkers

By Irene Dunn

We are walking around the weather at present but still have enjoyed some interesting bush and beach walks this past month. Thanks to Natalie, Jill, Pete and Wally for organising and leading some of the walks. Great team effort!

Welcome to our new walkers, walking with the group is a great way to see your own back yard around our area, and there is always something different to see.

We meet each Monday at 9am at Woollams Ave car park – contact the phone number below for more information. Happy walking everyone!

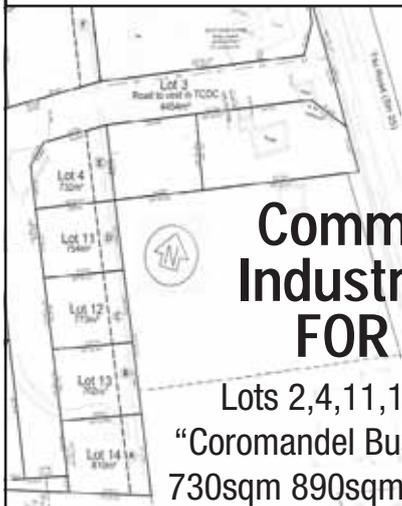
Ph Irene 021 158 408



WWW.JAMESDRAINAGE.CO.NZ

Excavators | Tip Trucks | Bobcats | Auger & Chain digger hire
Skip Bins | STMS Services | Septic Tank Services | Portaloo Hire

1020 Tiki Road, Coromandel
p. (07) 866 8308
e. jamesdrainage@xtra.co.nz



Commercial/ Industrial land FOR SALE

Lots 2,4,11,12,13,14 in the
"Coromandel Business Park" from
730sqm 890sqm starting at \$425k

These are exclusively first advertised here in
Coromandel for the benefit of the town.

Contact Bruce Finan on 0272 490878



FRANKLINvets



Dr Marc Herrmann
Veterinarian

Need a vet?

Pet
Consults in
Coromandel
Wed 1-4pm



Vaccinations | Health checks | Dental checks
Ear & skin checks | Flea & worm treatment

Book online @ www.franklinvets.co.nz

435 Kapanga Road, Coromandel Town 1 07 868 5007
Veterinary Services & Supplies | Open 1 - 4pm Wednesdays
Important: No afterhours service – this is available in Kopu

Mana Update

By Jade Ferrière, Communications Manager

Twice a year we gather at Mana with friends, family and the wider community for our solstice working bees. This Winter Solstice we welcomed a diverse group of people aged 7-74 years from all walks of life, and from as far afield as Wellington. Some have been coming to Mana Working Bees for more than 20 years, others joined us for the first time. Differences aside, there was one common vision uniting us all: to tend to the land that continues to provide a beautiful and supportive environment for people to explore “the awakening of consciousness, the unfolding of creative and healing potential and the realisation of essential unity” (Mana’s mission statement).

For many who come to Mana on courses and retreats, the beauty, tranquillity and simplicity of being in nature helps them reconnect with themselves, to a sense of greater purpose and an understanding of the interconnectedness of all things. That is why so much care is given to the walking tracks and paths.

We are so blessed to have a network of paths crisscrossing the land, making the beauty of the bush – and its “awakening consciousness and healing potential” – accessible for everyone who comes to Mana.

Over the years between working bees our Trustee Shanti walks the tracks of Mana with her trusty knife, clearing and beautifying as she goes. She also leads a dedicated team of kaitiaki or guardians who care for these tracks and paths throughout the year.

Historically people have walked across all of the land. But when Mana Retreat Centre was built three decades ago, the few farm tracks and paths made by wild goats and other animals provided only limited access. Much of the land clothed in bush was inaccessible to all but the most intrepid – until our friend Patrick Stewart began creating the many tracks and paths we now have, making the beauty of the bush accessible for almost everyone who comes to Mana.

The very first path was the Goddess Path, which Patrick began work on in 1990, starting where it now comes out of the bush onto the mown path leading to the Sanctuary (which was then yet to be built!). Then through the next decade, with more and more people helping, the many other paths at Mana were formed.

Whether the tracks and paths through the bush are used to get to a destination – the sanctuary, a waterfall, the top of Pukewhakaratarata – to sit in contemplation or to enjoy wandering in the company of so many wonderful plant beings, Mana’s network of paths are integral to the “Mana experience”.

What walking paths do you enjoy the most on the Coromandel? How can you incorporate more time in nature into your life?

Car Club

By Bruce Finan

The car club ended up with two Coromandel cars at Whitianga’s 4 July American Independence Day. We

did the street drive and parked up all together with about 30 other vehicles – a good mix.

Our meeting on 14 July went well. We have now fine-tuned a “show” for Coromandel Town and some of the Whiti Club are going to come over. The car club “Show Day” will be on **Sunday 1 August** in the car park next to the school. All who have a car that they would like to display please contact me on 027 249 0878, so we can allow for parking.

We have a run to Thames WMC on **Sunday 22 August** to meet a Hamilton WMC car run; details will be emailed out.

Soozy of ITM has agreed to help as secretary so we’re looking good for the future. Cheers.



Hon Scott Simpson MP For Coromandel

It’s really frustrating that the Ministry of Health has rejected the return of the rescue helicopter to its base in Whitianga. When the 50,000-signature petition was heard by the Health Select Committee, it seemed like they understood the needs of our communities.

Our argument was sound and I was optimistic that the right decision would be made. During summer and long weekends the population on the Coromandel swells with holidaymakers. With more people, it seems logical that we should receive better health coverage over these periods.

However, the Ministry has decided that we are adequately covered by helicopters in Auckland, Hamilton and Tauranga. This decision will mean fewer health services are available on the Coromandel at times when our population is at its highest. It’s simply not good enough and I won’t stop fighting for a reinstatement and nor will the tens of thousands of people who understand how vulnerable we are due to geography and demographics.

In more positive news, the government is finally acting on the recommendations made in the Sea Change report which was published back in 2017. I had hoped that they would take a more ambitious approach to protecting the Hauraki Gulf, but the expansion of marine reserves is a small step in the right direction.

Finally, the Coromandel Volunteer Fire Brigade had a terrific awards evening, with Greg Christensen and Kelvin Wirihana-Tawake receiving Gold Stars, and John Walker receiving a Double Gold Star. These milestones are a reminder of the extensive and selfless service that many volunteer firefighters give to our communities. A Gold Star is awarded after 25 years of service, with a Double Gold Star recognising 50 years of service. Those records are extraordinary. Well done John, Greg and Kelvin. Thank you for keeping our communities safe.



retreats
workshops
events

Mana Retreat Centre, Coromandel New Zealand

Book Online - manaretreat.com

6-8 AUG	Settling In With Jess Devi and Clare Etherton
13-18 AUG	Health and Wellness Retreat with Sarah Lindsay
20-22 AUG	A Weekend of Flow – Balancing Your Yin and Yang w/ Jo Monaghan
27-29 AUG	The Wild Heart w/ Sarsha Hope and Franko Heke
3-5 SEP	Trust and Freedom – Open Floor Dance and Yoga Retreat with Sacha Paddy and Neal Ghoshal
10-12 SEP	Yoga Retreat with Juliet Forch

Scott Simpson

MP for Coromandel

Contact me anytime

0800 550 330 • scottsimpson.co.nz

mpcoromandel@parliament.govt.nz

Authorised by Scott Simpson, 614 Pollen St, Thames.

Focus on infrastructure underlies Long Term Plan

Building and maintaining essential infrastructure, meeting legislative requirements and keeping up our current levels of service is the foundation of our 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP), which was adopted by our Council recently.

The average rates increase across the district for this financial year (1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022) is set at 8.8 per cent. District-wide, over the 10 years of the LTP, there will be an average rates rise of 5.1 per cent, or \$195 per year.

“That’s about \$4 a week more to pay for a huge range of projects and services right across what our Council delivers,” says our Mayor Sandra Goudie.

“Thanks to the strong engagement in this LTP, we’ve laid a solid foundation to address challenges such as the increasing costs of handling rubbish and recycling, keeping communities supplied with drinking water, planning for sustainable growth and addressing climate change,” Mayor Sandra says.

The next decade will see our Council invest \$455 million in capital projects plus



more than \$1 billion to fund day-to-day operations such as:

- Handling rubbish and recycling
- Providing clean drinking water
- Treating wastewater
- Maintaining roads, bridges and footpaths
- Maintaining parks and reserves and sports facilities

Notable projects for the Coromandel-Colville area:

- Coromandel Township Bypass: \$3.4 million over 2023-25
- Pottery Lane West Sealing: \$124,000 in 2022-2023.

For more information on the LTP, visit tcdc.govt.nz/longtermplan2021

Operators wanted for information centres

We're calling for Expressions of Interest in running the information centres in Whangamatā, Thames and Whitianga.

The contract will run from 1 October this year until 30 June 2024, with our Council providing a set amount of funding through a Service Level Agreement.

Expressions of Interest close 5pm, Friday 27 August 2021. If you want to chat to us about options or have some other ideas of how to offer the service, please contact Kirstin Richmond 07 868 0200, or email kirstin.richmond@tcdc.govt.nz



Coromandel
-Colville
Community Board
UPDATE

A word from our Board Chairperson Peter Pritchard

“Our LTP has been adopted and there are plenty of exciting things that will be happening in our district in the coming months and years, and I’m glad that we all get to be part of it. I would like to say thank you to everyone that put in an application for our Community Board Grants. We always get applications for more funding than we have available, and they’re all worthy, but we can’t fund them all, I’m afraid.”
peter.pritchard@council.tcdc.govt.nz



Jacks Point Boat Ramp – The exposed anchor nuts have been fixed. Just a reminder to those bringing their boats alongside the new wall to take care as to not cause any damage to your vessels. Our Council’s contractors are still working to reinstate the old ladder for access.

The next Coromandel-Colville Community Board meeting is on Tuesday 17 August at 9am at the Coromandel Town Service Centre, 355 Kapanga Road.

Agendas are published two working days before meetings on tcdc.govt.nz/meetings

Colville Road closures

Work to repair a large dropout on Colville Road began on 12 July and is expected to be finished around early September, weather dependent.

The scale of the work means the road must be fully closed during weekdays to allow the machinery room to operate. The road will be open at set times to let traffic through:

- 7am to 8am – road closed
- 8am to 8.30am – road open
- 8.30am to 12.30pm – road closed
- 12.30pm to 1pm – road open
- 1pm to 3.15pm – road closed
- 3.15pm to 3.45pm – road open
- 3.45pm to 5pm – road closed
- After 5pm through to 7am the next morning – road open

Emergency vehicles will be allowed through when necessary.

RATES REBATE HELP AVAILABLE



You may be able to get a rebate on your 2021/2022 Council rates

– and we have some drop-in clinics coming up to help you with this.

- **Thames** – 2 August to 13 August from 9am to 4pm not including weekends.
- **Pauanui and Tairua** – 5 August from 9am to 12pm Pauanui Hub then 1pm to 4pm Tairua Library.

Application forms and more information can be found on our website tcdc.govt.nz/ratesrebate, or pop into one of our service centres.



Get our free eNewsletters!
www.tcdc.govt.nz/subscribe



www.facebook.com/ThamesCoromandelDistrictCouncil

www.coromandel.govt.nz

customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz

Private Bag, 515 Mackay St, Thames

Phone: 07 868 0200

Rangatahi CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Coromandel Area School

By Jamie Rose Brown



Please enjoy some amazing writing by our tamariki.

Firstly, we have some writing by our youngest students in the school:

“I saw a squirrel. It was brown and fluffy. It felt soft.” – by Khloe.

“I went to Auckland and saw a star. It was yellow.” – by Marley.

“The map is old. It is big and little.” – by Cam.

“The house was blue with little puppies. I bought one.” – by Talia.

“There was a storm. I went up to the mountain.” – by James.

“I went to see a mermaid named Ariel.” – by Lucy.

Check out this epic writing by some of our Year 7 and 8 students

“Matariki

Protective, Festive

Prompting, foretelling and reminding

Hovering in the night sky

Brightening the path.”

By Chelsey

“As I sat up away from the large fires and the singing and chanting my problems and anxieties melted away, while I stared up into the stars.

Forming constellations and clusters out of the thick black sky.

And all the singing began to fade as everyone went to get kai.

It was peaceful.

As if it was only me in the whole world.

I leaned back and took a deep breath. A spark of flame ignited the sky sending a large ball of heat flying through the sky.

“A shooting star!!”

But it seemed to be coming towards me!

I ducked as it flew over me and crashed into a clearing of trees.

I slid down the mountain to investigate.”

By Levi

Why people should stop harvesting paua in New Zealand

Did you know the average New Zealand paua can only grow to between 111 and 116mm long? But they have to be 125cm before you can take them.

Did you know that it takes at least three to four years for a paua to grow to the legal limit size in perfect growing conditions? In some conditions in New Zealand the paua can take up to 10 to 11 years to grow.

Paua can be found on little shallow coastlines of New Zealand. They grow larger in Stewart Island and Southland because they have more of the seaweed that they eat and the colder water they like more.

The average water temperature in Coromandel in winter reaches 14°C, in spring 16°C, in summer the average temperature rises to 20°C, and in autumn it is 19°C.

Stewart Island – Saber Reef sea temperatures rise to 15°C in summer and range 8 to 11°C in winter. This means that Coromandel paua don’t get as big as the rest of the paua population.

Why do people gather paua?

There are lots of uses for paua. You could grind it up and make it into patties, you

could slice it then eat it raw. You could make jewellery like necklaces, rings, earrings and bracelets.

I think people should stop gathering paua for three to four years and there will be a larger population of paua in New Zealand!

By Tyler

Room 7 writing

Room 7 have been working on using descriptive language. After watching a Go Pro clip they brainstormed words to describe what they had seen and then used the brainstorm for the following sentences:

Avriannah – “The mountains, huge and solid, were pointing to the blinding sun.”

Conner – “The mountains, tall and sharp, were high in the sky.”

Kayla – “The mountains, solid and wide, were standing tall and proud.”

Thank you for reading our epic writing; until next time!

Colville Bay Preschool

By Esther Powell

Expression through the arts

In early childhood education we support and encourage children to express their feelings, ideas and stories, and represent information in many ways. One of these is by enabling access and experience with multiple media materials and art and craft tools and processes in a range of different environments.

On our “BushKura” programme we carry pencils, crayons and watercolour paints with us so children can paint and create spontaneously as inspiration takes them up in the ngahere. Sometimes paper and brushes are used, other times children gather leaves and sticks to paint or return to preschool to make mobiles and other creations with these. Often maps are made and used to lead us on our adventures, or loving cards are made to take home.



“Alien space fruit” and “Funny little looking alien” by Bodhi Edelsten



Worm artwork by Gala Ebbs

We are seeking ECE Qualified relievers and also welcome new child enrolments ages 0-6.

Gala’s story about worms

Transcribed by Bronnie Kenchington

“Yellow worm, blue worm, orange worm and black worm were looking for something to eat. They wanted to eat paint! Then they went back in their little hole where they live. Tomorrow they will stay in their house because it is cold and rainy.” Artwork and story by Gala Ebbs.

For all enquiries: Ph: (07) 866 8319, Esther: 022 121 7846 or Email: cbpreschool@xtra.co.nz



- Plasterboard Fixing, Stopping and Painting specialists
- All grades of stopping including Fibrous, Cove and GibBoard
- We specialise in wallpaper to paint finish upgrades
- Professional, reliable, quality service
- Free quotes

Phone Geoff 022 027 0290
PO Box 177, Coromandel

Email alphadry@gmail.com
AWCI (licenced trademan)

COROMANDEL PLUMBING

(1986) LTD

1490 Tiki Road, Coromandel

CRAIG DUDSON

Phone/Fax 866 8814
027 482 1291



Plumbing, Drainlaying and Gasfitting

Colville School

By Susie Sumner,
Principal



Term 2 Highlights

We are midway through the year and it's time to take a breath and savour the learning for the past term at Colville School. There have been many highlights that make Colville School such a special place to be.

There are many opportunities to learn in and outside the classroom at Colville School. Our students are connected to their local environment and community through the Garden to Table Programme. It is an authentic way to apply mathematical and scientific concepts and to grow a passion for learning.

An exciting opportunity to be part of the Garden to Table Programme at Colville School:

We are looking for a Kitchen Specialist and a Garden Specialist to lead the learning in the Garden to Table Programme at Colville School. The programme runs on a Thursday morning during term time. The specialists will be employed as a Teacher Aide for three hours per week to work with a team of passionate educators to provide hands-on learning experiences within the Garden to Table Programme. If you are interested in finding out more about the roles, please email us on principal@colville.school.nz for a job description or visit the Colville School website. Applications close on **Tuesday 10 August** at 5pm.



Making chopping boards to use in the kitchen



Growing seeds to prepare for our gardens



Cooking up a feast in the kitchen on Garden to Table days

Te Rerenga School

By Mary Kedzlie



Building Leaders at Te Rerenga School

Towards the end of Term 2, four of our Year 8 Leaders, Baxter, Elijah, Isobel and Lila, attended the National Young Leaders Day in Hamilton. The National Young Leaders Days (NYLD) are the largest and longest running leadership events for primary and intermediate school students. These large-scale annual events aim to develop student leadership. Since 2001, more than 110,000 students have been empowered to fulfill their dreams and become great leaders at a National Young Leaders Day in New Zealand.

The children heard from a diverse range of speakers who shared their leadership journey, including Cam Calkoen, Brooke Neal, Shay Wright and Benny Tipene. The following are the children's reflections about leadership based on what they heard.

"Build a dream and the dream will build you" was a quote from Cam which I thought was quite inspirational and cool. – Baxter

Leaders listen to other voices not just their own. – Lila

A leader thinks about his/her team not just themselves. – Elijah

Brooke said, "To stand tall like a superhero, to tell yourself, I can do it!" I found that very inspirational. It gave me confidence. – Isobel

Further leadership opportunities arose with our Year 7 and 8 students planning their upcoming exciting camp in September, in the central plateau at the Hillary Outdoors Centre. Over Term 2 they were very enterprising with various camp fundraising projects. This was an excellent learning experience, with the students planning their projects, costing out the products and working out their profit margins – some with a huge amount of success. We appreciated the support of our school community by allowing their children to buy some of the items on sale. The money raised has substantially subsidised the cost of the camp. Items for sale include bags of pine cones, homemade candles, rimu chopping boards, anzac biscuit mixture in a jar, bath bombs, lip balm, surfboard wax, and hair scrunchies.

Ma te huruhuru ka rere te manu.

Adorn the bird with feathers to enable it to fly.

Kiwi Can

By Brianna Moody, Kiwi Can Coordinator

Kia ora, e te whānau and welcome to Term 3! A new term also comes with a new Kiwi Can Leader! It is our pleasure to have Rose Dudson join the Kiwi Can team.

Our theme/kaupapa this term is Resilience/Taikaha. Resilience is bouncing back and coping with challenges. This term we will be exploring Resilience by focusing on three modules: Understanding Emotions, Dealing with Challenges, and Self Control/Discipline. Our catchphrase for this Term is "Keeping calm and in control, helps us all to reach our goals!"

For our Kiwi Can students, their first challenge is to remember the theme and catchphrase! Students: If you can come back and tell us what our three modules are this term... your class may get an extra point towards the Class Challenge! Nga mihi nui from the Kiwi Can Team!

The Coromandel Kiwi Can programme is managed by the Coromandel Independent Living Trust, officially sponsored by Sanford Ltd and supported by The Lion Foundation



Coromandel Youth Group at Hauraki House

Hours

After School: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 3pm-5pm.

Friday Night Social 6.30-8.30pm for school yrs 6-9.

Sunday 1pm-4pm.

Coromandel Youth Group is for children aged 5-15yrs. We provide a safe, fun environment where kids can hang out with friends, make arts and crafts and play, play, play! A healthy afternoon tea is provided. Parents just fill out a membership form and please make a gold coin donation if able. We cannot take responsibility for children who don't sign in, or sign out early; any concerns, please contact us. For more information, call in or phone (07) 866 7061.

Along with the kind donations received, we would like to thank those that make this programme possible: Lottery Waikato, Trust Waikato, COGS, D.V.Bryant Trust

Thinking about a renovation or new build and need some advice?

"Duncan is a very calm, reliable person. He gets on well with others and can see his way through problems or challenges."



call 021-173-7457 or email duncan@coromandelconstruction.co.nz

Arts



Shared studios

By Elisabeth Carter

When the opportunity presented itself for me to be part of "Shared Studios", I initially thought yay! Then old, uncomfortable feelings of self-doubt, inadequacy, excuses, too busy, etc., flooded in. However, I managed to put my big, grown-up, brave pants on and get down to Hauraki House.

From the first day I knew this was where I wanted to spend my winter days. The warmth of my fellow artists wrapped around me like a familiar, treasured blanket. I felt reassured and welcomed, even nurtured. What better way to nourish the soul in these winter months? It is a time of experimenting without pressure. Zero expectation, plus zero pressure, equals creative freedom and joy!

I am in company that doesn't mock, judge or criticise. Critique is different to criticism. Critique is often what we need to complete an art piece. It plays an imperative part of your own artist-learning, and it can be a huge tool in your bag of resources. Bouncing off each other is something we don't get to do alone in our studios.

I am relishing the company, the laughs, the quiet moments and the loud, the absolute freedom to explore my art. I have found a place in the world I feel safe, and I am gaining volumes of knowledge.

I am smiling, I am in the moment, I am happy.

Coromandel Art Group

By Val Gray

I love the winter. Not the dark, cold, drizzly days, but the cold stillness and blue sky, and looking at the trees now they have shed their last leaf. You see the skeletons of the trunks and branches, resting, just waiting to put on a glorious show for the spring.

So many things in colour now, and they seem almost luminous in the winter light.

And of course, sitting by the fire with a good book isn't too bad either.

Our Back to Basics morning was to have been Pen and Wash, but it had to be deferred until later. Now that all of the leaves have fallen, you see so much more. You don't have to sit out in a force eight gale, either; you can sit in your car with a coffee and sketch.

On 1 July Vaughan Udall took a workshop for us. We really enjoy Vaughan as he is so imaginative and he really gets us out of our comfort zones to try something different. I think we have all got a bit fogged up with the upheavals of the past year, so it got us going again. We were going to do mixed media with big brushes, but if you mention big brushes to some of the artists it puts fear into their hearts. But they needn't have worried, as we did no brushes, just twigs! It is amazing what you can do with a twig, and some great results occurred, by accident or design. So thank you Vaughan for a really enjoyable day.

The days are getting colder, but they are getting longer and lighter, so spring will be here before you know it.



Coromandel Arts Tour

By Kaye Anderson

Deborah Hide-Bayne

Being involved in the pARTner Up mentoring scheme last year re-energised my art practice. I'm painting, drawing and collaborating with artists and galleries both in Coromandel and beyond. Excited to be part of the Open Studios again, I'm planning to turn the whole downstairs of my house into a gallery space! I've got lots to show you... Find out more about my work here: www.deborahhidebayne.com



Photo by Les Davis.

Briar van Dort

I was fortunate enough to grow up in Colville under the shadow of Moehau, where my family and I still reside. We spent last year travelling Aotearoa in a campervan with our two children and I have gathered loads of inspiration from artists across both the North and South Islands. From this I have started experimenting with other natural resources alongside harakeke weaving to create unique pieces inspired by nature's humble beauty.

Other work can be viewed at: www.flaxweaving.nz or find me on Instagram under Briar van Dort.



Lynne Fenwick

Recycling fabrics into fashionable garments and accessories is still the area I am working in, using both hand and machine stitching. With colourful fabrics and textures to choose from, things are much more difficult than they need to be at times. Always something new in the collection.

You can see my work at home by appointment (phone 021 079 9349) or during Open Studios.

Exhibition of new paintings and sculpture

Richard, Uli and Tane invite you to the preview 11.30am **Sunday 29 August**. Price range \$50-\$500. BYO wine. Bring a plate.

Exhibition then open daily until **Sunday 5 September** (sale day).

At the Secret Garden/Gallery, 130 Pagitt Street, Coromandel Town. Dogs and children welcome.

COROMANDEL
BUILDING CENTRE
PH: 866 8848
"We'll see you right"

Music and Memory, Palliser Viols on the Main Trunk Line with Barry Brickell

The Music and Memory Tour is about connecting. It brings together strands from Maori and Pakeha music and craft traditions, from our shared and turbulent colonial history, and the communities that live along our amazing Main Trunk Railway Line.

For young and old, town and rural, schools and marae, musicians and business people – tangata whenua along that historic route.

Together we will play, enjoy, learn about our separate cultures and our present directions, as together we walk back to the future. And build anew.

We combine two ancient, pre-colonial traditions of music. Viols and taonga puoro together weave beautiful sound, harmony and musical invention with immediate appeal. Taonga puoro express in a pure way the relationship of humans to this landscape and unique environment. A consort of viols weaves lines of melody and harmony, clear in each part. The music connects the times of Shakespeare and precolonial Aotearoa with our present. Composers include 21st century New Zealanders Gillian Whitehead and Ross Harris and 17th century Englishmen Orlando Gibbons, William Byrd and Anthony Holborne.

We also celebrate the inspiration of Barry Brickell whose life was one of deep connections. He combined artistic vision, creative practicality, construction of a railway and deep love of the indigenous landscape, with achievements in pottery, sculpture, painting and conservation – surely the connections so vital to us right now. Gregory O'Brien will read from "A Barry Brickell Reader".

Two events in each centre, both with free admission. An afternoon sharing of music plus meeting with the team of players, and speakers, with schools and casual walk-ins welcome. And a sparkling concert in the evening, also free. Schools are already booking up and the tour has support from local councils, libraries and people along the way, including from Toi Waikato.

It will be coming to Coromandel Town on **Thursday 9 September**. The outreach is in the Coromandel Area School Hall 11am-1pm, and the concert in the Driving Creek Art Gallery 7.30-9.30pm.

More information is at www.violsonrails.com



Coromandel Players

By Don Hughes

More good news. Rehearsals for "Murder Deferred" are going well and we are on to Act 2. The cast have been working very hard and their commitment can't be faulted, with extra hours being put in working on their lines at a member's home. Indeed, by the time you read this we hope to have started the fast moving Act 3 which ends with... sorry, I'm sworn to secrecy.

Although, I think it's ok for me to quote from the "blurb" on the back cover of the copy of the play I have, as further encouragement to attend our production!

"Life for Leila Makhham, licensee of the 'Hay Wain', a Dorset village inn, seems quiet and pleasant enough, but, with arrival of the tough, dangerous Ruth Cousins, secrets of Leila's past life catch up with her."

Yes, the mysterious Ruth Cousins, whose menacing presence is felt and heard from her very opening lines. You soon learn what was behind just her second one. There's a hint for you!

Equally mysterious is the playwright himself, Stuart Ready. I thought I would check his background on Wikipedia but drew a blank. Strange. He is on the Samuel French guide to plays as a prolific playwright, particularly plays of suspense, and the author of several novels. I Googled around and found a reference to his work for TV in Britain in its earliest days and lecturing on Shakespeare and the theatre in general. But that's it.

I also found that a group in Britain who produced the play in 2018 had met, like me, something of blank and couldn't include their usual background piece about the writer in their programme. A man of mystery who wrote plays of suspense... seems like a good combination.

Well I will leave you in suspense no longer! The dates for our production are: **Friday 27, Saturday 28 August** at 7.30pm, (the popular) matinee **Sunday 29 August** at 2pm, and **Friday 3, Saturday 4 September** at 7.30pm.

Watch out for our posters during August. I wouldn't want you to miss the play.

JAMES & TURNER

KITCHENWARE · PAINT

HARDWARE · GIFTWARE

FISHING · CAMPING

MARINE · GARDENING

PLUMBING · ELECTRICAL

James & Turner 2014 Ltd
131 Kapanga Road
 P.O. Box 16
 Coromandel Town

Grant Webber
Ph: 07 866 8805
info@jamesandturner.co.nz
 search "James & Turner"

SOLAR ENERGY SPECIALIST
 Residential Grid Connected Systems
 OFF GRID LIFESTYLE Energy Systems

GOOD ENERGY
 SOLAR ENERGY SOLUTIONS
 DESIGN, INSTALLATION & SERVICE
www.goodenergy.co.nz
 Email: info@goodenergy.co.nz
 Sales 021 606 835 - Technician 021 242 3394

Environment



MEG

By Steph Parkyn

MEGa Rat Attack complete!

Over a thousand new traps have been installed in

our Port Charles Kiwi Sanctuary! A huge thanks to our field team for the massive effort lugging them in to their locations on narrow tracks through the bush in a grid formation, with a trap every 25m and lines 75m apart. Thanks to our trap building volunteers Terry Whitehouse and Mike George for all of their hard work, and to Lotteries for the funding.

We have maintained Small Mammal Indexing at 5% or less within our existing Kiwi Sanctuary (212 ha Rat Attack) and the field team have been excited to see vulnerable animals like Hochstetter's frog and the invertebrate peripatus while out in the bush. We're now ready to start trapping the new area which will be a total 430 ha under rodent control (MEGa Rat Attack).

Bittern Booming

Australasian Bittern audio monitoring was undertaken last October and November in wetlands throughout the northern Coromandel and the results are in. We have bittern booming regularly in Harataunga/Kennedy Bay, Waikawau Bay and many sites around Colville. This means these wetlands are likely to be breeding sites, which is very exciting and helps us to plan some predator control to protect these critically endangered birds. Did you know that bittern are rarer than kiwi?

Winter Lecture Series Speakers

Coming up in August we have two speakers to look forward to. On **Sunday 1 August**, the wonderful photography of Ian Preece and the story of his travels from the Himalayas to Coromandel. Then on **Sunday 8 August**, we have Dr Rob Bell speaking about climate impacts on our coasts, sea level rise and what we can do to prepare. We'll also have Carson's bookshop coming to town on that night with copies of *Climate Aotearoa* and other conservation books. Events not to be missed. Pepper Tree Restaurant, Coromandel Town, 7pm; be sure to come early for a seat.

Have a great month everyone!

Follow us on Facebook or get in touch via www.meg.org.nz



Paul Johnson with traps

Upper Coromandel Landcare Association August Conservation Report

By Reihana Robinson

The proposed 2021 drop of poison 1080 over 4500 ha of Moehau is alarming not only to environmental activists opposed to inhumane indiscriminate poison, but also to farming families who are threatened more than ever as farmers have no way of protecting their interests – at risk are their animals as well as their own health.

Imagine how stressful it can be for a farmer who will get 24 hours' notice of a poison drop. Even with an approaching cyclone, farmers get five times longer notice to move stock to safety. 24 hours' notice is absolutely outrageous. And who pays the costs of moving stock?

It appears that DOC and EcoFX are more concerned about avoiding hypothetical protestors than they are about safety for farmers and the viability of their businesses.

The impact of government-funded aerial poison drops of WHO A1 hazardous toxin 1080 has gone "from bad to worse", according to a farmer who asked to remain anonymous. "Once again farmers and residents around Moehau are reeling from yet another invasion of poison distributors knocking at our doors before an aerial bombardment of poison 1080 baits for no good reason...there is no monitoring data to support such a drop."

Why has this process turned sour? DOC has outsourced the potentially confrontational aspect of their poison programme. Normally DOC "consults" with iwi and locals. However, for the 2021 poisoning DOC has sub-contracted EcoFX to do their "dirty work" around Moehau.

Residents are being given the impression, that it is their responsibility – not the people dropping the poison – to make sure their water supplies for homes and stock are safe. EcoFX say don't drink from the spring or stream for 24 hours, then everything is hunky-dory. What about the hazard, days or even weeks later, of poisoned animals dropping into waterways, routinely found after drops throughout the country?

The resulting stress is increasing with the community of farmers who do not want aerial 1080 near their animals, homes or water supplies. Farmers can agree on a 200-metre setback but if the wind is blowing in the wrong direction setbacks are meaningless.

Farmers want to know who is accountable. Neither the helicopter companies nor, more importantly, DOC are willing to take responsibility. UCLA would like to see EcoFX and DOC take responsibility to ensure they are not dropping poison 1080 anywhere near water supplies, to make sure no dead carcasses get into waterways, and to give abutters two months' supply of poison-free water. We want staff sent every day for eight weeks to check streams and water sources.

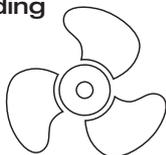
Both the Coromandel-Colville Community Board and Thames-Coromandel District Council have resolved to support pest control by means of hunting and trapping and non-residual poisons only – which excludes 1080. The CCCB resolution to trial hunting and trapping in our ward can be supported by individuals writing to health.protection@waikatodhb.health.nz.



COROMANDEL MARINE ENGINEERING

MARINE ENGINEERING & OUTBOARD SERVICING

- All makes, model & inboards serviced.
- Full computer diagnostics available.
- New & second-hand outboards for sale.
- Retailers for marine products – inc batteries, oils, plugs, Saltaway products.
- Aluminium & stainless welding by Certified Welders.



Telephone
Workshop/office:
07 866 8004
Grant: **028 2580 2351**
Jackson: **021 059 7542**

116, The 309 Road, Coromandel – 1km from the main road.

COROMANDEL AUTO ELECTRICAL

1305 Tiki Road
Coromandel

New phone number: 022 091 1580



Keith Woodley

engagement with the East Asian Australasian Flyway, the network of habitats used by migratory birds between Arctic breeding grounds and nonbreeding sites in Australasia.

Colossal habitat loss on the Yellow Sea coasts of China and the Korean Peninsula, is the primary driver of these declines. He has since visited such places many times, assisting with shorebird surveys and public awareness raising activities, including school visits. Keith is the author of *Godwits: Long-haul champions* (Penguin/Raupo) 2009.

Pūkoro Miramira Naturalists Trust also has strong interests in protecting shorebird habitats in New Zealand. For example, the great South Island braided rivers, critical breeding places for species such as ngutu parore/wrybill. The health of our estuarine ecosystems is another major concern. Issues such as these are featured in a second book, *Shorebirds of New Zealand: Sharing the margins* (Penguin) 2012.

Keith will be the guest speaker at Upper Coromandel Forest & Bird's AGM on **Saturday 21 August** at St John Ambulance Rooms, Tiki Road. AGM at 11am, lunch at 12pm. Please bring a plate to share. Guest speaker Keith Woodley at 1pm.

All welcome to hear Keith's presentation at 1pm. Keith will have autographed copies of his book, *Godwits*, for sale.

Forest & Bird

By Kate Donoghue



Forest & Bird
GIVING NATURE A VOICE

Shorebird expert, Keith Woodley to speak at Forest & Bird AGM

The Firth of Thames is one of the most important areas in the world for a great variety of migratory shorebirds. Our godwits, wrybills, knots and a host of other species undertake some of the longest annual migrations on the planet, between the northern and southern extents of the Pacific Ocean. Shorebirds are finding life hard these days – it's a long way to their breeding grounds in Alaska and Siberia, and many of their old refuelling stops at bays and wetlands in China and Korea have been reclaimed or turned into fish farms, so the summer feeding grounds around the Firth are more critical than ever to their survival. We are indeed fortunate to have such a special ecologically significant area right on our doorstep.

The significance of the Miranda area to shorebird survival is widely recognised by the global community. It is one of New Zealand's few listings on the Ramsar Convention – an international convention to protect wetlands that has been ratified by 170 nations worldwide.

Keith Woodley has been manager at Pūkoro Miramira Shorebird Centre since 1993. In that time he has seen many changes in Tikapa Moana, Pūkoro Miramira, and in the populations of shorebirds that frequent this place. Concern for declining populations of shorebirds such as kuaka, drew Pūkoro Miramira Naturalists' Trust (PMNT) into



Driving Creek Conservation Park

Winter conservation workshops

5 August – Trapping 101 – Protecting your patch from pests with Raine Williams.

12 August – Mapping and Trapping with Jeff Williams.

19 August – Environmental Weeds with Richard Webster.

26 August – Funding Support with Sarah Gibb.

All start at 6pm at Driving Creek Railway Gallery. Free drinks.

For more info go to www.facebook.com/DrivingCreekConservationPark or email conservation@dcrail.nz

McGregor Bay Wetland Society

By Pete Sephton

Many people in Coromandel are following the continuing story of the fate of the McGregor Bay Wetland with interest. The current state of play sees the wetland experiencing its longest period of unrestricted water flow in thirty years due to the mysterious removal of the flow-restricting concrete gate. At the time of writing there is no indication if or when the gate will be put back but the benefits of having more seawater in the wetland are obvious, with a big increase in birdlife enjoying the conditions.

Although this is a tiny wetland it is, like all wetlands, an important ecological structure. According to a recent scientific study, wetlands in NZ support a disproportionately large number of threatened native animals and plants. They also maintain water quality by acting as a filter, regulate climate gases, and sequester carbon. For Maori these areas have great cultural and spiritual significance. Wetlands used to make up 9% of the total area of NZ but lack of care means that 90% of our wetlands have disappeared. The study has shown that between 1986 and 2018 almost 6,000 ha have been lost. Thankfully, people's attitudes are changing and wetlands all over the country are being restored and cared for. We in Coromandel are fortunate to have our own wetland which, once restored, will be something of which we can all be proud.

Please take the time to look over the McGregor Bay Wetland at high tide to see what a difference unrestricted tidal flow has on this important area. Count the numbers of birds and different species and see if you can get a good photo for the Wild Things section of the Chronicle.

Our AGM is at 12 noon on **Sunday 15 August** at The Coromandel Aero Club meeting room. We are fortunate to have Thomas Everth as the guest speaker with climate change as his topic. Even if you are not a member of our society you are welcome to come and listen to this fascinating talk and join us in a pot luck lunch: just bring a plate and your choice of refreshments.

🌿 GIVE A LITTLE SUNDAYS 🌿

\$10 PIZZA SUNDAYS

\$1 from every pizza is donated to a local community service.

This month:
Coromandel Town Information Centre

**ALL DAY EVERY SUNDAY
DINE IN ONLY**

**STAR & GARTER
HOTEL**
Coromandel Town

CONDITIONS APPLY

Sport

Coromandel Croquet Club

By Kaye Anderson



It's the middle of winter but the last few

Tuesdays have seen all three lawns being used for exciting and challenging games! Get your walking shoes on and join us for some mental and physical gymnastics to brighten up your winter days.

We meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9.45am for a 10am start. For more information, call Kaye on (07) 866 8968. The club is situated in Woollams Ave next to the Bowling Club.

Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club

By Sharon Toms and CRFC Committee

The Club "Fish of the Month Competition" for the \$100 prize is for current members only. Fish of the Month for August is parore. Congratulations to Ryan Debenham who won FOM for June with John Dory weighing 1.185kgs.

Our AGM will be held on **21 August**, 2pm at Admiral Arms. We need all current members and new members to attend, to elect more committee members and new officers to ensure the continuation of the club. New faces and new ideas welcome; please come and support our local club.

Results of our Snapper Only Measurement Tournament will be in next month's issue!

Here's to tight lines as always.

Coromandel Golf Club

By Malcolm Stone



Amazing turnout for "Captain's Trophy"

10 July saw an amazing turnout for the "Captain's Trophy" on a beautiful, sunny midwinter day. Thank you, Ron Brooking, for your organisation and shout for all participants. The day's honour went to Phillipa Medlock with a creditable 41 Stableford points, winning a \$50 voucher for Weta Café. "Nearest the pin" on the par 3 no.6 went to Ezy Kemp, a notable result as everyone had two goes at it throughout the round. Once again, the course was immaculate thanks to our incredible team of volunteers.

Talking of volunteers, our amazing in-house farming volunteers, Max, Wayne and Ron E, are embarking on a huge undertaking to replace our current sheep yards with more user-friendly cattle yards, making the management of our cattle much easier. From the evidence so far it's going to be a great job.

Another milestone in the golfing calendar is a new interclub series between Coromandel, Matarangi and Mercury Bay, starting with the first meet at Matarangi on **Wednesday 15 September**, tee-off 10.30am. Each competition will take the form of a "meatpack" and will include a light meal included in the entry fee of \$35. We need to see at least 16 players from Coromandel there so put it in your diaries. If successful, we could see this as a permanent feature on the calendar.

Returning this year on **Saturday 21 August** is our "Charity Day", aka "Daffodil Day", focusing on men's prostate cancer. Sadly, there has been a spate of cancer cases within the club lately, making this foremost in our thoughts. Please support this day in any way you can.

On a lighter note, as the majority of members in our club are of this vintage I thought this to be most appropriate – The Veterans Golf Association has negotiated with The Royal and Ancient Golf Club, based in St Andrews, Scotland to modify the Rules of Golf for Seniors. Here are a few of them:

Rule 1.a.5 A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. The senior should not be penalised for tall grass which groundskeepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (b) A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have travelled if it had not hit the tree and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.b.3(g) There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by charging himself or herself with a penalty.

Happy and less frustrating golf to all of you!

Coromandel Town weekly and monthly meetings

Every Day

Free meditation at Mahamudra (except during silent retreats). 8.30-9am

Every Monday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Coromandel Hikers' Group, Hauraki House, Colin & Elspeth (07) 866 71379am
 Monday Walkers, Woollams Ave car park north end, Irene 021 157 8408.....9am
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym9.30am
 Coromandel Playgroup, St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road. Contact Angee 021 255 03999.30am-12.30pm
 SeniorNet Coromandel contact Loes (07) 866 80534pm
 Taichi classes, Colville Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 478 4.10pm
 Bridge, St John rooms7pm
 Taizé 4-part harmony singing, contact Sally 027 302 42457.30pm

Every Tuesday

Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 89689.45am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 72209am-12pm
 Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 72469am
 Seniors exercise class, St Andrews Church Hall (07) 866 7894...10am
 Yoga for everyone, Colville Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....10am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave10.30am-1pm
 Yoga with Becks, at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, \$10-15. Contact 027 407 00795.30-6.45pm
 Badminton, Manaia School gymnasium. \$2 per night, Lorraine 027 441 7017.....6-8pm
 Coro Motorcycle Club, Star & Garter, John 027 234 10137-9pm

Every Wednesday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Pastel Artists Coromandel, Coro Aero Club Rooms (07) 866 72209am-12pm
 Gold Fit at Coro Gym9.30am
 Ballet Class For Adults, Coromandel Citizens' Hall, \$10 per class. Contact Marilyn 027 336 5263.....9.50-11.20am
 Wing Chun Kung Fu. Internationally recognised Sifu. Waikato Events Centre4pm
 Taichi classes, Anglican Church Hall, contact Christina on 021 113 4768.....4pm

Every Thursday

Coro Walking Group, Lotto Dairy, Ruth (07) 866 72469am
 Coro Bowls club day.....9.30am
 Coro Art Group, St Andrew's Church Hall, Val (07) 866 8911 9am-12pm
 Tai Chi, Waikato Events Centre (above the swimming pool)10am
 Free Guided Meditation, Havalona Pyramid10-11am
 Sunset Yoga with Vanessa, Colville School Hall, \$10. School Term only. Contact 021 124 72675-6.15pm

Every Friday

Step Aerobics at Coro Gym8am
 Yoga for everyone, Anglican Hall, Kate 021 125 3152.....9am
 Croquet, Woollams Ave, Kaye (07) 866 89689.45am
 Playcentre, Woollams Ave9.45am-12.15pm
 Coromandel Home-school group, Julene (07) 866 833310am
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"4pm
 Coromandel Flying Club social gathering, all welcome5.30pm

Every Saturday

RSA Coromandel, RSA Club Rooms Woollams Ave. Courtesy van available. President Kevin Stone (07) 866 7576.....3.30-7pm

Every Sunday

Anglican Church Service10am
 Coromandel Tennis Club "club day"1pm

Monthly

1st Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484.....9.30am-3.30pm
3rd Mon – Coro Patchwork & Quilters, St John rooms, Jill (07) 866 7484.....9.30am-3.30pm
1st Wed – Coro Embroiderers' Guild, St John rooms, Win McMinn (07) 866 750810am-3pm
1st Wed – Lions Dinner meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 04466pm
1st Fri – Gay Social Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975.....7pm
2nd Wed – Garden Circle. Jeni Mudgway 021 0227 53411pm
2nd Tues – Meditation Discussion Group, ph Roz 022 308 8975 7pm
3rd Wed – Lions Business Meeting, St John rooms. President Mary Farmer (07) 866 7321 or 027 699 04467pm
Last Thurs – Green Drinks at Star & Garter5pm
1st & 3rd Sun – Church Service at St Andrew's Church, Rings Road.....10am

If your meeting has been omitted, please email Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "meeting" or txt/ph 021 235 6648. Please include contact name and phone number.

Classifieds

Classifieds cost 30 cents per word – please email your words to corochronicle@gmail.com or call/txt Debbie on 021 235 6648.

PROFESSIONALS

A COROMANDEL PLASTERER. For new homes and all renovation requirements I offer 25+ years' experience for a professional plastering finish. Doug Marsters 022 019 9255.

ABBY'S HEALING HAVEN 021 352 486.

*Therapeutic and relaxation massage therapy 1 hour \$90, 90 mins \$130 *Pranic Healing-Chakra and energy clearing and balancing 90 minutes \$130 *TBT- Trauma busting treatment, an effective process for trauma and symptoms of PTSD, 60 minutes \$90 *Organic skincare and makeup consultations- Organic Ayurvedic facial massage 30 minutes \$55.

AGE CONCERN FALLS PREVENTION Strength and Balance exercise class for seniors St Andrews Church Hall, Rings Road, Tuesday 10am \$2. Vickie (07) 866 7894.

BALLET CLASS FOR ADULTS. Venue: Coromandel Citizens' Hall 455 Kapanga Road Wednesdays 9.50am-11.20am \$10. Ph: Marilyn Swan 027 336 5263. Email: swanebbs@gmail.com Registered Teacher and Life Member Royal Academy of Dance.

BICYCLE REPAIRS, SERVICING AND SALES. Find some of my bikes on my FB page (Miles Watson recycled bicycles and repairs). I can also pick up old bikes and parts from your house. 020 4150 6575.

BRICK AND BLOCK LAYER LAURIE GORDGE (07) 866 8200, 027 494 9573, buddy10@xtra.co.nz

BRICK AND BLOCK LAYING SPECIALISTS. L.B.P. Phone Joel 021 0234 0210.

BROKEN GLASS? Call Mike Coromandel Glass (07) 866 8869.

CARPENTER WANTING WORK Alterations, new houses, additions, no job too small, licensed building practitioner. Ph 021 675 575.

COLVILLE LAWNS PROPERTY MAINTENANCE. Lawns mowed, edge trimming, chainsaw and scrub bar work, weed control, tree planting, gardening, loads to refuse station. colvillelawns@gmail.com. txt 021 0264 1000. Seamus.

COMPUTER FIX. Your local support and expert for computer repairs, upgrades, backup solutions, virus removal, software problems, purchase advice or tuition. Micha Wellnitz, ph (07) 866 8932.

CONTACT C.A.R.E. APPOINTMENTS available in Coromandel and Colville. Call/text Lisa - ConTact C.A.R.E Thames 027 403 8026.

COROMANDEL GARAGE DOORS Ph: Don McLean 022 453 2188. E: corogarage-doors@gmail.com
www.corogaredoors.co.nz

COROMANDEL HONEY LTD. Local beekeepers. Honey for sale and manuka sites wanted. Call Evan on 021 533 826.

COROMANDEL STUMP GRINDING. Local operator based in Coro Town. Contact now 027 451 2224 or Email dynamictreecare@gmail.com.

GIB STOPPER - Richard Field. Local and coastal. Ph 029 778 8645.

GIB STOPPER/PAINTER Alpha Drywall, Geoff, local 022 027 0290.

HEALING AND MUSCULAR PAIN RELIEF via Massage, call Peter 027 263 2521 for appointment.

NEED A PAINTER? Quality work for a fair price, no bullshit quotes and I can do your garden too. Ring Thomas on 028 400 4120.

POOL QUEEN LTD Mobile Pool & Spa services Coromandel Peninsula. Call the Pool Queen to have your pool clean. Sharleena Tucker 027 316 3384.

PREGNANCY YOGA (AND MORE) WITH BECKS Small weekly group classes in Coromandel Town, \$10-\$15. Bookings essential, phone 027 407 0079 for more info, www.rebeccaleaker.com.

RANCH SLIDER WON'T SLIDE? Call Mike Coromandel Glass (07) 866 8869.

ROOF KING LTD New roofs, re-roofs, leaks, spouting, downpipes, and general maintenance. Ph Eli 021 160 6790.

SOLAR SYSTEM DESIGN & INSTALL Good Energy your local solar specialists based in Whitianga. Ph Simon 021 242 3394.

STUMPGRINDING – Machine assisted stump removal, all sizes all areas. Ph 027 472 6627.

WINDOW CATCH BROKEN? Call Mike Coromandel Glass (07) 866 8869.

YOGA WITH BECKS Tuesdays at the Anglican Church Hall, 170 Tiki Rd, 5.30pm to 6.45pm, \$10-\$15. Open level, all welcome, equipment provided. Phone 027 407 0079 for more info www.rebeccaleaker.com.

FOR RENT/HIRE

A&Js STORAGE Totalspan units Ph Judy 021 071 2252.

SOUND SYSTEM FOR HIRE. Loud and clear sound for any event. matt@corosoniclab.co.nz 021 043 8689.

FOR SALE

AIR COMPRESSOR 21FPM. Roof Rack with Awning (fit large van). 2 Roof Rails (adjustable). 1 Spray Gun (airless). 1 Spray Gun (Arnold). Ferguson 28 Starter Water Pump – Cyl head. Nets: 60x4 ½ mesh, 60 x 5 7/8 mesh, 60 x 85mm mesh. 10 Water Pumps Reconditioned (take your pick). For more information phone (07) 866 8009, Maurice.

WANTED

VEHICLES WANTED. Cars, trucks, vans, utes, 4X4's. Wanted dead or alive. \$ Top cash paid \$. Phone 0800 505 099.

WANTED ALL LIVESTOCK We inspect in the paddock. Also we transport every Thursday to Waikato's largest saleyards in Morrinsville. Phone Dave Coatsworth 027 481 7100.

WANTED TO BUY Mooring for 46 foot launch Coromandel Harbour preferably Te Kouma Bay. Phone Phil 021 930 146.

WORK WANTED

DYNAMIC TREE CARE - Council approved professional local arborist service for all tree work. Fully qualified, equipped and insured. Health and Safety compliant. Free quotes. Jobs large or small. Stump grinding. Call now (07) 866 8177 or 027 451 2224.

FISH FILLETING AND KNIFE SHARPENING. Ph Murray on 022 593 9561.

STUMPGRINDING – Machine assisted stump removal, all sizes all areas. Ph 027 472 6627.

TREE SERVICE. Dismantling or pruning. Free quotes. Call Jeremy Haszard 027 421 0603.

SITUATIONS VACANT

BUSINESS & CARE MANAGER, OCEANIA HEALTHCARE – This is a rare opportunity to lead our beautiful Whitianga Village & Residential Care Facility. If you have strong leadership skills, financial acumen, and a passion for delivering clinical and service excellence, we'd love to hear from you. Please send enquiries to fran.robinsonahlers@oceaniahealthcare.co.nz.

WORK FROM HOME BIBLIOPHILE, research, list books. Full training given. CV to aoteadesign@gmail.com.

EVENTS

HAMILTON BAND "ART GECKO" here at RSA 11 September with Jazz Blues and more.

Advertisers' directory

Company	Page
360 Discovery Ltd	5
Alpha Drywall	22
Ann Kerr-Bell – Natural Medical Centre	14
Arizto Real Estate	7
Cape Civil	4
Coro Gym	10
Coromandel Auto Electrical	26
Coromandel Construction	23
Coromandel Garage Ltd	4
Coromandel Marine Engineering	26
Coromandel Marine Farmers' Association	7
Coromandel Players – Murder Deferred	11
Coromandel Plumbing (1986) Ltd	22
Coromandel Quarry Ltd	18
Coromandel Refrigeration	32
Dynamic Tree Care	15
Fagans Flooring Xtra	14
Franklin Vets	19
Good Energy	25
Harcourts	17
Hauraki Taxation Service Ltd	6
ITM	24
James and Turner	25
James Drainage '97 Ltd	19
Johnston Fencing	6
Llandem Consulting Engineers Ltd	2
Mana	20
McGregor Bay Wetland Society (Inc)	16
Papa Aroha Engineering	15
Peninsula Electrical Services Ltd	16
Purnell Lawyers	10
Richardsons Real Estate	8-9
Rob's Small Motor Repairs	12
Ruamahunga Bay Joinery	3
Scott Revell Building Contractor	2
Scott Simpson MP	20
Star & Garter	27
TCDC	21
Total Hearing Care	13
Trinity Network	31
Twentymans	12
Waitaia Nursery	18
We Pay Top Cash	11

Calendar of events Coromandel Town August 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 Car Club "Show Day" (see Pg 20) MEG Winter Lecture Series - Ian Preece speaking about his photography (see Pg 26)	2 Our Shed meeting (see pg 4)	3 Total Hearing Care Clinic (see ad pg 13) Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 29)	4 Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 18)	5 Driving Creek Conservation Park Winter conservation workshop - Trapping 101 with Raine Williams (see pg 27) Grey Power Coromandel meeting (see pg 15)	6 Coromandel St John Level I First Aid Training Course (see pg 12)	7 High tide 5:57am (2.4m), 6:26pm (2.6m) Low tide 12:06am (0.6m)	8 MEG Winter Lecture Series - Dr Rob Bell speaking about climate impacts (see Pg 26)
9 High tide 7:30am (2.6m), 7:50pm (2.8m) Low tide 1:14am (0.6m), 1:32pm (0.4m)	10 Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 29)	11 Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 18)	12 Driving Creek Conservation Park Winter conservation workshop - Mapping and Trapping with Jeff Williams (see pg 27)	13 Coromandel St John Level I First Aid Training Course (see pg 12)	14 Purple Fever Karaoke evening at The Club (see pg 10)	15 McGregor Bay Wetland Society AGM (see pg 27)	
16 DEADLINE: Coromandel Town Chronicle September Issue	17 Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 29)	18 Library AGM (see pg 4) Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 18)	19 Driving Creek Conservation Park Winter conservation workshop - Environmental Weeds with Richard Webster (see pg 27)	20 High tide 4:28am (2.6m), 5:12pm (2.8m) Low tide 10:46am (0.4m), 11:16pm (0.5m)	21 Charity Day at Coromandel Golf Club (see pg 28) Coromandel Recreational Fishing Club AGM (see pg 28) Forest & Bird AGM/Keith Woodley talk (see pg 27)	22 High tide 6:29am (2.7m), 6:59pm (2.9m) Low tide 12:12am (0.4m), 12:39pm (0.3m)	
23 High tide 12:26am (2.9m), 12:59pm (2.7m) Low tide 6:38am (0.4m), 7:06pm (0.5m)	24 Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 29)	25 Soup and Sitting at Grace's Place (see pg 18)	26 Driving Creek Conservation Park Winter conservation workshop - Funding Support with Sarah Gibb (see pg 27)	27 Coromandel Players "Murder Deferred" play 7.30pm (see pg 25 and ad pg 11)	28 Coromandel Players "Murder Deferred" play 7.30pm (see pg 25 and ad pg 11)	29 Coromandel Players "Murder Deferred" play 2pm (see pg 25 and ad pg 11) Exhibition of new paintings and sculpture opens (see pg 24)	
30 High tide 12:08am (2.5m), 12:27pm (2.4m) Low tide 6:12am (0.6m), 6:37pm (0.8m)	31 Yoga with Becks (see classifieds pg 29)	<p>Make sure your event gets listed</p> <p>To get your event listed, email the details, your name and contact phone number to Debbie at corochronicle@gmail.com with the subject "event". There is limited space available and will be published subject to space availability, with preference to not-for-profit groups.</p>					High tide 11:42am (2.5m), 5:48pm (0.7m) Low tide 5:29am (0.5m), 5:48pm (0.7m)
High tide 12:53am (2.4m), 1:17pm (2.3m) Low tide 7:00am (0.7m), 7:32pm (0.9m)							

KEY

● New moon ○ Full moon

Tide times and heights from Land Information NZ and are for Coromandel Harbour. For Thames times -15min High and -18min Low. Unfortunately I was unable to acquire the heights prior to print.

- Blue bin bags out
- Put recycling out (plastic 1&2, tins, paper, cardboard)
- RN = Rural North
- CT = Coromandel Town & Te Kōhuna
- TC = Thames Coast & Maniake

COROMANDEL RUBBISH & E-CYCLE RECYCLE TRANSFER STATION

Wed & Fri 9.30am-3pm
Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays 9.30am-4pm



Asking Price \$1,100,000



Waikawau, 39C Waimanu Road www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/136867/

2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 living area, - car spaces

Under Contract Asking Price \$1,035,000 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 1 living area, 2 car spaces

Lifestyle Price by Negotiation

Section Asking Price \$495,000

Te Kouma, 58 Kowhai Drive www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/136877/

Waikawau, 478 Port Charles Road www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/136574/

Preece Point, 2328 Tiki Road www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/136576/

SOLD Asking Price \$385,000

Section Asking Price \$380,000

Section Asking Price \$520,000 (GST if any)

Coromandel, 83 Greenhills Drive www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/136747/

Coromandel, 2065 Rings Road (Section) www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/136791/

Coromandel, 11 The 309 Road www.trinitynetwork.co.nz/136671/



Rob Keatley

M : 0275 777 424

E : rob.keatley@trinitynetwork.co.nz

"I value people, not just transactions"

"I have a huge pool of buyers ready to purchase in Coromandel - contact me for a free appraisal now!"

Trinity Network Commission 2.5% up to \$500,000 and 1.8% there after + GST



perfect AIR

PERFECT PRODUCTS | PERFECT SERVICE | PERFECT AIR

Winter Heat Pump Deals

Daikin Double Deals



Bedroom
Daikin FTXF20WVMA
Heating 2.5 (0.9-3.2) kW
Cooling 2.0 (0.9-2.3) kW



Small Living Room
Daikin FTXF50WVMA
Heating 5.2 (1.0-6.2) kW
Cooling 5.0 (1.5-5.5) kW

Both Fully Installed:

\$4820



Bedroom
Daikin FTXF20WVMA
Heating 2.5 (0.9-3.2) kW
Cooling 2.0 (0.9-2.3) kW



Large Living Room
Daikin FTXF71WVMA
Heating 8.0 (2.0-8.6) kW
Cooling 7.1 (2.0-7.5) kW

Both Fully Installed:

\$5580



Small Room
Daikin FTXF25WVMA
Heating 3.0kW
Cooling 2.5kW



Fully Installed Price:
\$1999



Medium Room
Daikin FTXF50WVMA
Heating 5.2kW
Cooling 5.0kW



Fully Installed Price:
\$2999



Large Room
Daikin FTXF71WVMA
Heating 8.0kW
Cooling 7.1kW



Fully Installed Price:
\$3999

Ask us if you're Eligible to Receive a Warmer Kiwi Homes Heating Grant:

Receive 80% of the cost of a heat pump up to \$3000

Warmer Kiwi Homes is a Government programme offering grants to cover 80% of the cost of underfloor and ceiling insulation, as well as heaters including **heat pumps**

Check if you're eligible at <https://www.energywise.govt.nz>



Warmer Kiwi Homes

30 Campbell Street Whitianga 07 866 4140

Conditions apply. Prices include GST, Strictly for back to back installations incl electrical connection, a free no obligation onsite quote is available. Valid unit 20/8/21